Hurd says no question of going back on military policy despite internment threat

UN is urged to act on Britons held in Kuwait

By James Bone in New York and Michael Knipe, diplomatic correspondent

secretary general to act on the plight of thousands of foreigners held in Kuwait and Iraq.

The council, summoned by Britain, expressed anxiety and concern about the people being detained and asked Javier Pérez de Cuéllar to take "ail steps he considers appropriate".

The European Community and ten other nations have already asked that a UN emissary be sent to Baghdad to help to secure foreigners' release and the message has been passed to Señor Pérez de Cuellar, who is in Peru.

The British government fears the four thousand Britons ordered to report to hotels in Kuwait on Thursday might be interned and used as pawns by Iraq, but Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, insisted yes-terday that there was no question of Britain going back on its military policy because of their plight.

Iraq was using British citizens to try to weaken the government's resolve, he said. That was the tactic of outlaws down the ages and it would have no effect. He had no evidence that their lives were

Britain was still seeking an explanation from the Iraqis of their intentions; Britons who assembled at the Regency Palace hotel in Kuwait City had found no Iraqis there to give them instructions.

However, there were reports that foreigners, including Britons and 35 Americans, had been moved from the Hotel al-Rashid in Baghdad where they had been held under armed guard. Diplomats protested to the Iraqi consular department after being refused access to them and to Westerners at the Mansour Melia hotel, where ibout 200 Britons are stay

Iraq said they were all safe.
About 2,500 Americans were covered by the order to report to Kuwaiti hotels on Thursday, and yesterday Iraq told Japan that its citizens would not be allowed to leave Iraq or Kuwait. The stream of other foreigners crossing to Jordan continued, however, and more than 16,000 made their escape from Iraq yes-

THE UN Security Council reached Saudi Arabia, having every day to consider a Soviet cil yesterday called on its crossed the desert crammed proposal to revive the military into four vehicles.

Labour accused the government of unnecessarily alarming the relatives of Britons stranded in Kuwait by reacting "precipitately" to the Iraqi call for a round-up on Thurs-day. But Mr Hurd defended

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ships threw a radar

use the country's facilities.

Iraq yesterday began mov-

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Israeli officials said yes-

The Soviet foreign minister,

terday that war was inevitable unless President Saddam Hus-

sprouded in US flags."

bloodshed.

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his minister. William Waldegrave, who had described the order as a grave and sinister development. "He reacted to it exactly as I did." The fact that the Iraqis had not acted on their threat showed that but Egypt's President Mubathey were confused about rak said it was not too late to what their intentions were avoid fighting. "There is still There was no question of time. I'm asking Iraq to Britain forgetting the anxieties respond to the voice of peace Britain forgetting the anxieties

Mr Hurd also defended the policy of stopping and searching ships to enforce the sanctions and said neither Britain nor America had ruled out using other measures under other parts of the UN Charter.

The five permanent members of the UN Security terday. Twenty-five Britons Council have been meeting

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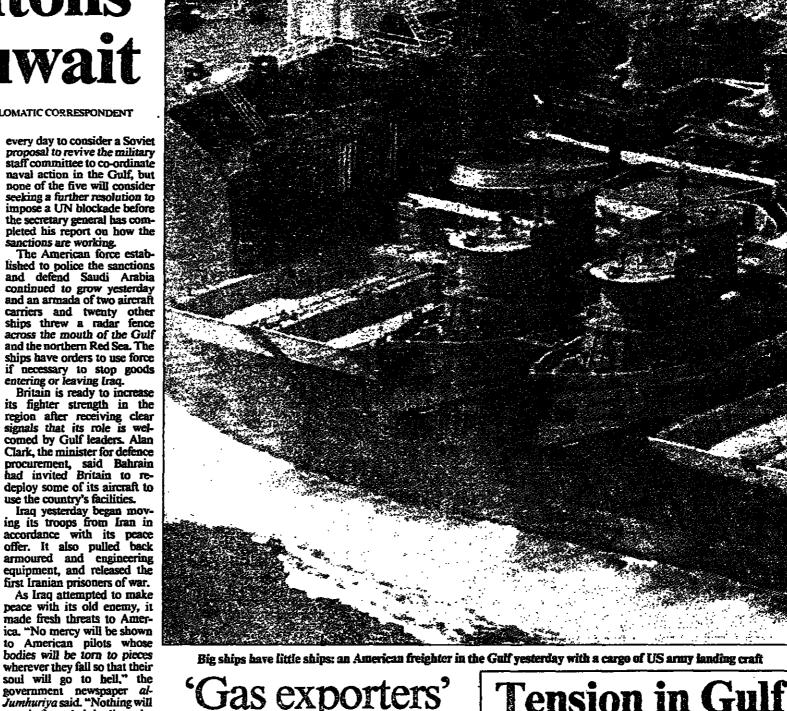
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'Gas exporters' held by Bonn

From GIRARD STEICHEN IN BONN

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Soviet Union would do all it West German intelligence. could to ensure that the UN Herr Hoffmann said the resolutions were fulfilled "in their entirety". He pointedly other suspects arrested were employees of Pilot Plant in declined to criticise the American build-up in Saudi Dreieich. Preussag's export division in Hanover, and Arabia and said that Moscow Walter Engineering Trading in Hamburg. He said criminal regarded the American pres-ence there as temporary. "If investigations of 20 additional the tension continues, the suspects were continuing.
The prosecutor said the security council will take more positive and more decisive

allegations centred on the

IRAQ

Iraq cuts off consular

"It took this long because we had to prove that the technology delivered by them was constructed in such a way for the plants to easily produce poison gas," he said. The suspects faced charges of violating West German export-control laws, he added.

Der Spiegel, the West German news magazine, reported this week that Mr Al Kadhi had been an executive at Walter Engineering and had worked for West Germany's intelligence agency, Bonn has denied its agents were involved with exports to Iraq.

The magazine said Mr Al Continued on page 22, col 7

Tension in Gulf hits shares By OUR CITY STAFF

sent share prices plummeting has now gone up by 33p a West German police vesterday arrests came after investiga-arrested seven people sus-tions spanning several years. terday. The FT-SE 100 index year. The company gave slumped 45.2 points to 2,176.9, knocking £10 billion off the value of shares.

Oil prices moved closer to \$27 a barrel as hopes of an early meeting of Opec members to sanction production quota increases were dashed. October Brent rose \$1.30 a barrel to \$26.75, the largest one-day gain this week.

There was respite for the overnment over inflation. The City had been expecting double-figure inflation for the first time since March 1982. but it held steady at 9.8 per cent. The underlying rate of inflation, excluding mortgages and the community charge, which is the government's favoured indicator of basic price increases, rose to an annual 7 per cent in July from 6.9 per cent in June.

But higher petrol prices caused by the Gulf confrontation could push inflation above 10 per cent soon.
Another round of forecourt price increases was triggered by Shell, which put an extra 4.5p on a gallon of four-star to

RISING tension in the Gulf a record price of 217.8p. Petrol

warning that further increases may follow as the oil companies continue to react to nervous spot markets.

Industry greeted the increases with dismay, claiming they would have a significant impact on inflation. The Confederation of British Industry said: "The implications of such large rises for inflation are clearly not good at all. Inflation seems certain now to rise again at a time when

companies are battling to hold costs." Sir William Clark, chairman of the backbench Tory finance committee, predicted however that after a possible "nudge upwards" next month because of the increase in petrol prices, inflation would be on a downward path.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said the latest figure was depressing but convincing evidence of the failure of the government's economic policy.

Petrol prices up, page 5 Inflation steady, page 32

Rushdie video ban is lifted

British Muslims said last night there would be no reconciliation with Salman Rushdie despite his support for the lifting of a ban on a Pakistani video depicting him as a murderer. The video appeals committee overturned the British Board of Film Classification's ban on International Guerillas.

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More killed in Soweto feuding

rican police yesterday fired tear gas to disperse rival armed bands of Zulus and Xhosas in townships near Johannesburg as faction fight-ing continued in the Rand where 178 people have died this week. At least five people were killed yesterday Soweto.

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Clint Eastwood on directing, and playing John Huston, in a film based on the making of a Hollywood classic, The African Queen The search for more Monet Next month's Monet xhibition in London is the product of painstaking detection. Peter Stothard picked

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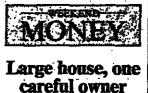
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See the wood

Rad Segrt makes wooden furniture, but he also manages to be a friend of the trees



Part-exchange is a staple of the car trade. Now it has spread to the housing market



If it's August it must be football



A full preview as Alex Ferguson leads out Manchester United for the Charity Shield match against Liverpool today

Leave me out

Welsh international Arthur Emyr on the distractions faced by Rugby Union players when League clubs court their favours

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Rock-solid proof that Bonnie Prince was here By KERRY GILL

THE Glenfinnan monument, reputed to be the spot where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard in 1745, is almost certainly in the wrong place, the National Trust for Scotland will officially admit today.

Doubts over the Highland site where the prince unfurled the white banner before hundreds of clausmen, have lingered for many years. Various historians, including Seton Gordon, a former piping correspondent of The Times. were convinced that the correct spot was a knoll on the west bank of the Finnan.

The present monument stands a quarter of a mile away on a usually sodden plain southeast of the Finnan. It was erected early last century and is monument was in the right place and

hardly the place for the Young Pretender to address the faithful. Charles Tyrrell, chairman of the trust, will today unveil a plaque before the annual Glenfinnan Gathering, held to commemorate the raising of the Jacobite standard. The plaque will say that the correct site is an ngraved rock that lay hidden by moss for more than 200 years until it was laid bare by a brush fire a few years ago.

The occasion will be a minor triumph for lain Thornber, an historian who has long doubted that the monument was the correct site. "My doubts were raised back in the 1950s when I overheard a conversation between Seton Gordon and Francis Cameron-Head of Inverailort, who inaugurated the gathering," be said. "They couldn't believe the

thought it more likely to have been on a knoll on the other side of the Finnan, and not on wet, flat ground."

After the fire, the stone was found with a Latin inscription: "1745. In the name of the Lord the standards of Charles Edward Stuart, triumphing at last, was set up." The inscription is thought to have been commissioned in the last century by Father Donald MacDonald. who wanted to ensure that the site of the unfurling was kept in perpetuity. An arrow on the rock points to a hollow where the staff of the banner was placed.

Ronnie McKellaig, the trust's representative at Glenfinnan, said the site of the monument was probably chosen for its scenic value. "We are not admitting the rock is conclusive evidence. We are admitting it is a strong possibility." -



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would be the Kuwaitis who

starved first. It also knows

that it must not only force out

the Iraqis from Kuwait, but

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alone would be unlikely to

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the 3,000 American citizens

held in Baghdad and Kuwait

Within hours of the August

2 invasion, Mr Bush said that

if American citizens were

threatened, it would "affect

the US in a very dramatic way

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British aircraft will be free

to come and go as needed.

Bahrain is only a few minutes'

flying time from Dhahran in

A senior Bahraini source

said all other military facilities

would be available to Britain

and the US if needed, He

port for the vigorous policy

adopted by both countries

Bahrain also expected to

after Iraq's invasion of

build up its own military

hardware and would probably

buy equipment from the US

British sources said that

Qatar, which Mr Clark visited

on Thursday, had also wel-

His visit to Bahrain was the

second leg of a four-nation

tour at Mrs Thatcher's request

to find out whether the small-

er Gulf nations need assis-

tance from Britain. He denied

that he had solicited requests

General Sir Richard Vin-

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Gap widens between US rhetoric and realities

ALL week President Bush has talked up the impact of the United Nations trade embargo against Iraq. "Sanctions are working," he declared at the Pentagon on Wednesday. They were "beginning to take hold", he said after meeting King Husain of Jordan on Thursday. Finally a reporter asked him for proof.

A flustered Mr Bush conceded that he could not cite specific evidence. "There was one little titbit that we saw ... report that some of the bakers had been ordered to stop making confections, confectionery goods, whatever it is, sweets and these things, and concentrate on the fundamentals, the staples."

As week two of the Middle East confrontation ended, it was apparent that there were "gulfs" involved, one with salt water and a capital "G", and one without. The lower-case, rapidly broaden-ing gulf was between the administration's publicly stated plan for defeating Iraq through rigidly enforcing sanctions and its real strategy.

The latter, it became increasingly clear, involves a massive military build-up in Saudi Arabia and the surrounding seas, which far exceeds the purely defensive requirements of the desert kingdom and which this week assumed a conspicuous potential for offence.

The hope is that this formidable threat, alongside the sanctions and an impressive display of global condemnation, will break a status quo which strongly favours Baghdad. It could conceivably foment revolt within Iraq. force President Saddam Hussein to sue for peace, or provoke him into some rash act that would give the Americans just cause for overwhelming military retaliation.

The Pentagon has been coy about discussing publicly the scale of military deployments to the Middle East, but anony-

resolutions of the UN Security

Mr Shevardnadze declined

to criticise the build-up of US

forces in Saudi Arabia, saying

that Moscow regarded the

American troop presence

"If the tension continues,

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MOSCOW



Hands-on leader: Mr Bush in his golf cart on the way yesterday to a round in Kennebunkport, Maine

details which they know will reach Baghdad

Hence, it was learned this week that two dozen radarevading F117 stealth fighter- mission to land and refuel bombers - planes with no should they need to fly north. defensive role whatever were on their way to Saudi pressure on Iraq may also Arabia; that as many as explain why the Americans troops may timately be despatched; that beginning of the week by 45.000 marines were on their way; that shipboard comput- naval blockade against Iraqi ers had been re-programmed so that highly-accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles on the

been only to happy to divulge now targeted on key Iraqi installations; that the Saudis had given US B52 bombers based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia per-

The strategy of maximising risked a rift in UN unity at the rushing to impose a unilateral shipping. On Thursday night Mr Bush went still further by authorising US warships to mous defence officials have huge US naval armada were use force, albeit the minimum

Rosemary Righter, page 10 Leading article, page 11

American citizens".

Jaguar fighters will use emirate as base

From Andrew McEwen, manama, bahrain

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from Moscow). He added that Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Alan Clark, minister yesterday that Bahrain fully Sheikh Isa bin Sulman alaccepted a Soviet proposal to revive the UN General Staff had invited Britain to redeploy some of its aircraft to ordinate military action. He added that America had rejected a similar Soviet suggestioned there.

A "full and detailed" agree-

BRITAIN is to rotate its ment was reached but he Jaguar fighters between Saudi refused to disclose its details. Arabia and Bahrain after receiving a warm welcome from the Bahraini government

defence procurement, was told supports the strong line Britain has taken against Iraq. Khalifa, the emir of Bahrain, emphasised Manama's supuse Bahrain's facilities, although they will not be sta-

PROTESTS Jordanian Muslims call for death of aggressors

From Christopher Walker IN SALT, JORDAN

THE streets of Jordan's ancient capital yesterday echoed with cries of "American aggression will be defeated by all the Arab and Muslim people. Death to Bush, Mubarak and Fahd", as thou-sands of angry Muslims attended a pro-Iraqi protest.
"You see that?", asked one

er goes, the confrontation could either repeat itself in youth, aged 17, as he held up an old shoe. "That shoe is George Bush. He is nothing. three or four years time with Iraq by then a nuclear power American soldiers can fight in permanent fixture in Saudi their own country, but in the deserts of Saudi Arabia they As Mr Bush fished, golfed will be beaten. They will go and jogged in Kennebunkport, home in wooden boxes."

The demonstration, at have been haunted by shades which posters of President of Vietnam and past Middle Saddam Hussein were more in Eastern military quagmires. 'We're not going to wait evidence than those of King Husain of Jordan, was the around for three months to see fourth of its kind in Salt in two if the sanctions work," one senior US policymaker told weeks and one of at least two The Washington Post. "The biggest risk we face is paralysis or three now staged in Jordan every day. It was a symbol of or the status quo. If that happens, Saddam wins." the dilemma now facing King Husain, who returned emptyhanded from Washington yesterday to find his people more Washington's first card, but strident in support of Iraq. this does not preclude playing other cards", said another administration official. "My

"Are you British?", asked one demonstrator in Muslim robes, who was surrounded by otherswho spat when they heard "Britain" mentioned. Tell Mrs Thatcher to get out of Arab conflicts. We have had enough of people like the British and Americans trying to run our lives."

The anti-American thrust of the demonstrations has become more marked as President Bush has stepped up pressure on the Jordanians to ioin the United Nations trade embargo, and throttle President Saddam's vital supply line through Aqaba.

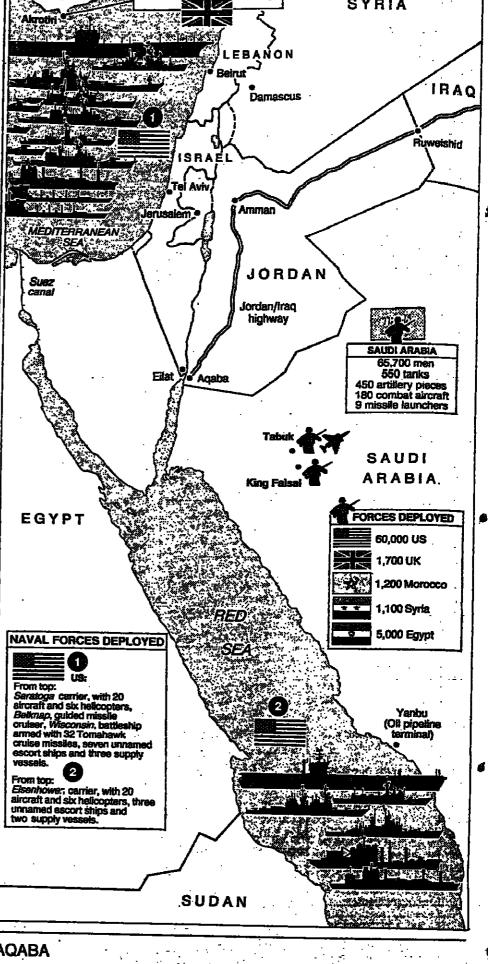
"They are trying to starve Arabs to death," said one slogan at yesterday's protest in dency (as being) to protect Salt, a city of 100,000 people 12 miles from the Jordanian capital, Amman. There was no mistaking the militancy of the demonstrators, nor the blanket nature of their support, whipped up by Islamic politicians and local trade unions who had organised the protest.

The strength of feeling was indicative that King Husain's shaky throne could be in danger if he fails to deflect at least a measure of the wave of pro-Iraqi sentiment in Jordan, where 60 per cent of the 2.4 million population is

Many of those marching through Salt were adamant about their willingness to die supporting the Iraqi leader. More than 90,000 Jordanians have signed up for potential service in the newly-formed Jordanian Popular Committee for the Support of the Struggle of the Iraqi People but so far there have been no concrete plans to form them into viable fighting units.

More substantive has been King Husain's creation of a so-called "popular army" which has begun recruiting and training and will serve as a heavily-armed home guard if Israel attacks, now feared by Jordanians as a possible by product of events in the Gulf. Western observers have not ruled out the possibility that President Saddam could turn

his tanks on Jordan, As well as showing the restraints King Husain faces. the protest also showed the venom felt by Jordanians for those Arab leaders who have been most co-operative with the West, notably President Mubarak of Egypt. "We will kill him. Like Sadat, he will be killed," said Mohammed Abdullah, aged in his mid-20s.



6 Phantoms to replace the

Ships with Iraqi cargoes avoiding Red Sea port

From Our Correspondent in Amman

IRAO's vital remaining sea supply-line through the Jordanian port of Aqaba appeared to have dried up temporarily yesterday before a final decision by King Husain Red Sea port, said.

About how completely to im
King Husain is in a painful pose the United Nations embargo on trade.

According to shipping agents in the once bustling harbour, ships with Iraqbound cargoes no longer docked there and none was expected. The agents said UN sanctions and a de facto American blockade had scared away shipping, strangling Iraqi commerce.

The agents said yesterday they had not received instructions from the Jordanian government on how to treat Iraqi trade, but some were angry that Washington had insisted that food be included in the shipments to be stopped.

"How dare Washington ask

with Iraq to facilitate the about 50 per cent of the the evacuation of Western naport's volume which, until the largest firms based at the

dilemma, pressed by the US on one side to impose a rigid embargo, while facing a rising tide of pro-Iraqi and anti-American sentiment inside his desert kingdom. He has said he will be seeking UN clarification on the extent of the embargo after his fruitless talks with President Bush on Thursday.

Government officials in Amman have accused the US and Britain of going too far in cargo headed for Jordan, Popular support for Presi-

dent Saddam is backed in Jordan by deep financial anxi-

tionals," Mr Issam Kawar of this confrontation, was han-Amin Kawar and Sons, one of dling an average of 35 ships a day. "For the moment, it seems the world shipping trade has taken King Husain's most difficult decision for him," a European diplomat

explained.
"If there are no Iraqi-bound ships docking, there will be no goods to load on lorries to drive to Baghdad, once the stocks in Aqaba have run out."

Jordanian shipping executives were angry at the decision by cargo owners to stop shipments of food. "This is against international law," their interpretation of the embargo, notably Britain's decision this week to turn back a one claimed. Another said the froze Iraqi assets.

● CAIRO: Egypt allowed an Iraqi ship carrying food to sail through the Suez canal yesus to stop sending food and medicine while it expects Jordan to keep open its borders trade. That amounted to affect its passage. (Reuter)

ISRAEL

Propaganda blitz seeks to deter Saddam ISRAEL radio yesterday reported senior Israeli officials ade Aqaba," one diplomat saying that war between the said, "Yet the Israelis are present confrontation "might began. They said the image of the Palestine Liberation Organd will "restore Palestine". Mr Levy said that his talks

ister, said he hoped that the States, not by Israel." American-led naval blockade troops out of Kuwait "so that there will be no need for ponsattack is being held up, in

Israeli officials are keeping up a barrage of propaganda designed to deter President Saddam Hussein from an attack on the country, with the press warning Baghdad that Jerusalem could repeat its 1981 strike against Iraqi nuclear installations and observing that Israel also possesses chemical weapons.

But while remaining on high alert and reminding Baghdad of its formidable firepower, Israel is deliberately keeping a low profile two weeks after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in order not to give Iraq any excuse for anti-Israeli aggression. Jerusalem is aiso happily reaping the political benefits of the crisis. "Israel is obviously the

United States and Iraq now repeatedly asserting that any appeared "inevitable". Moshe blockade of the port would be Arens, the Israeli defence min- carried out by the United Even distribution of gas

case of an Iraqi chemical weabloodshed or fighting on the case it gives Baghdad "the wrong signal". David Levy, the foreign minister, said on a visit to West Germany that Israel could distribute gas masks "within hours to the

be seen as preparation by Israel for a step it is going to take, and might be used as an excuse by this dictator to do would be enough to force Iraqi masks to Israeli civilians in do at another time or not at something he would perhaps

> mar quoted "informed sources in Jerusalem" as saying that Israel would destroy Iraq's nuclear infrastructure "if asked to do so by the United States". Officials said this was a "worst case scenario" in the event of an allout war in which Israel found it impossible to stay on the

However, officials believe, or profess to believe, that a able to see that acts of 'limited" confrontation in the Gulf need not involve Israel. Mr Arens said that, if Iraq attacked Israel or sent troops into Jordan, this would trigger severe" Israeli retaliation.

Leaders of the American Jewish Committee currently visiting Israel said that the country's image in the United States had improved markedly since the Gulf crisis

tarnished" by its support for President Saddam. Americans realised better than before that Israel lived in a "dangerous neighbourhood" and that it was to be valued as a "reliable, stable and responsive ally". Western analysts agree that

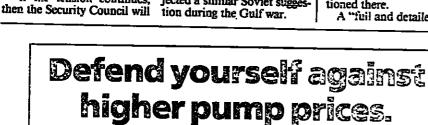
widespread Palestinian support for a regime in Baghdad regarded by the rest of the world as brutal and barbaric has done untold damage to the "moderate" image of the PLO, not least in the eyes of peace activists here who once favoured an Israeli dialogue with the organisation.

Palestinians of all ages and political leanings appear unsavagery by Iraqi soldiers in Kuwait have aroused worldwide disgust, or that the crisis was caused in the first place by the aggression of one Arab country against another. Such "details" are lost in a contin-

Mr Levy said that his talks in Europe had indicated a "basic shift" in European attitudes towards the PLO and its chairman, Yassir Arafat. Speaking from Rome, he told Israeli radio: "I have heard anger and expressions towards him (Arafat) which indicate that the Europeans have begun to understand better both the organisation and the

Mr Levy, speaking after talks with Gianni de Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, said that only a short time ago the European Community had been "very close to Arafat", but "today they are talking in a manner which cannot be misunderstood about their deep disappointment and their recognition that the direction Arafat is taking is the most extreme of the

extremists". Leading Palestinians in the occupied territories have been ning wave of anti-American backing away from support for and pro-Saddam emotion in Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. the West Bank and east Jeru- saying that they are opposed salem based on the assump- to "the acquisition of land by tion that the Iraqi leader will force".



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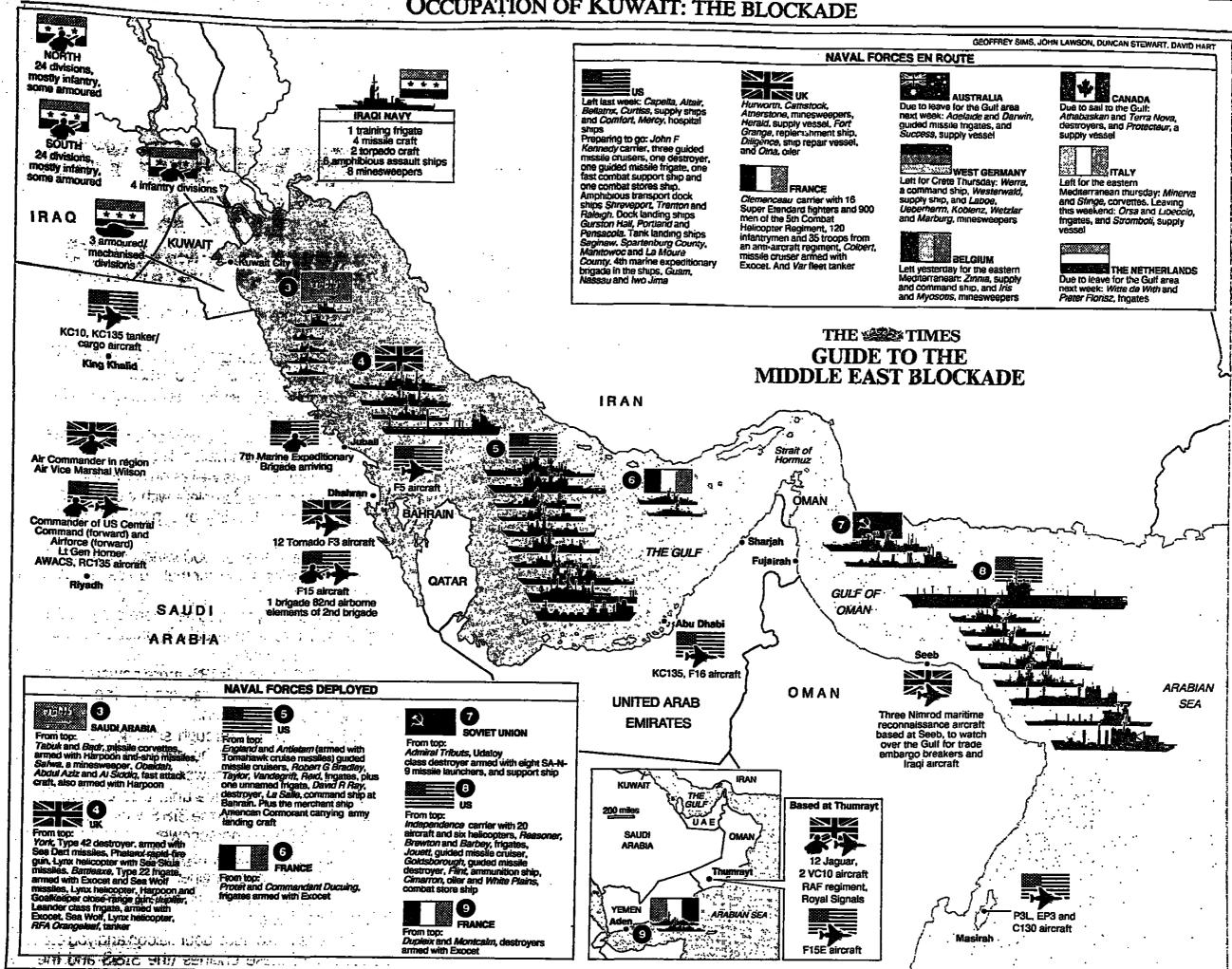
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OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT: THE BLOCKADE



BY MICHAEDEVANG TO THE

warships, supply wessels and minesweepers already deployed in Italy, Belgium, Canada, West a blockade before joining the US and Britain.

Total manpower in the multi-mational forces eathering in the mational forces eathering in the multi-mational forces eathering in the multi-mation forces eat of naval power in modern history and probably the most devastating in fire power since the second world war.

With more than 100 ships expected to be in the region within the next few weeks, it is already a naval operation exceeding any Nato exercise in size and complexity.

Including the Saudi naval force of six ships, there are 53 warships and other vessels in the region, including three American aircraft carriers. En route are a further 60 from the US, France, Britain,

armada to enter record boo

bound to increase as the Americans, French, British and other Nato countries keep the naval forces deployed to the region under review. The Gulf armada is split into

three groups: the US aircraft carriers, whose mission is to protect Saudi Arabia and to launch air attacks on Iraqi forces if the kingdom is invaded; the US and British naval forces, which are enforcing a de facto blockade to stop ships trading to and from Iraq; and the naval forces from other countries, which will wait for the United Nations to approve

national forces gathering in the region is expected to top 125,000, with some 500 aircraft. They will ioin a Saudi force of 38,000 army, 7,200 navy and 16,500 air force personnel, with 180 combat aircraft, confronting the Iragis' estimated 170,000 troops in Kuwait with hundreds of tanks and aircraft.

The Iraqis have one training frigate, four missile craft - they used to have eight but four were sunk by the Iranians - two torpedo craft, eight minesweepers and six amphibious assault ships. Three of these can each carry 250 copter, and the other three 180 ister, yest

Historically, the greatest armadas have been formed for battles, not blockades. Iraq, with a small navy, is not contemplating war at sea. Even the five frigates listed in the Iragi naval inventory have never been handed over by the Italians who built them because of a payment dispute.

But the US, with three carriers in place and one more preparing to leave, will use its sea-based aircraft to attack Iraqi positions if a conflict starts. The French carrier Clemenceau and a second, Foch, which could be sent if necessary, according to Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the French defence min- 67 warships, with 730,000 tonnage available for mounting big air strikes.

The greatest naval battle in history, in terms of ships, tonnage and crews, was between the US and Japan in October 1944 at Leyte Gulf, off the Philippines. The US 3rd fleet, carrier fleet and 7th fleet involved in the battle consisted of 181 warships and 29 submarines with 1,330,000 tonnage and 140,000 crew.

The ships included eight carriers, eight light carriers and six battleships. Japan's northern, central and southern naval forces engaged at Leyte Gulf consisted of

The largest armada of all was D-Day, June 1944, when 1,213 warships and 4,126 landing craft took part in the amphibious assault codenamed Operation Neptune. The ships involved included seven battleships, 23 cruisers, 80 fleet destroyers (large) and 25 Hunt class destroyers (small), 63 frigates, 71 corvettes and 287 minesweepers.

In the Korean war, the largest assembly of ships took place on September 15, 1950, when 200 ships and landing craft were involved in the landing at Inchon, south of Seoul.

Apart from the aircraft on board

the US carriers deployed against the Iraqis, two of the US warships, Wisconsin, a battleship, and Antietam, a guided missile cruiser. are equipped with land-attack more man 1,500 miles

The Clemenceau, under way to the Red Sea port of Djibouti, has 42 combat helicopters. M Chevenement said that combat aircraft. warships and soldiers from the base in Djibouti and the Indian Ocean could be added to the French Gulf force.

Two Belgian minehunters and a support ship left yesterday for exercises in the eastern Mediterranean pending a decision on whether to send them to the Gulf.

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Baghdad's vessels avoid a clash

From Mike Theodoulou in Nicosia

to risk a potentially explosive President Bush ordered US Red Sea port of Yanbu early naval commanders to use "the yesterday morning and sailed halt Iraq's trade.

There was no response from Iraq when Sandi Arabia turned away a second of its tankers, and an Iraqi vessel carrying Polish-made small them Iraqi, one Norwegian arms and ammunition, which and one Bulgarian, waited off was due to arrive at the the Saudi terminal of Muajjiz Jordanian Red Sea port of near by after having been Agaba on Thursday, remained in the eastern Mediterranean.

Iraq has warned that it will consider it an act of aggression if its ships are challenged by the US Navy, but the Sandis have so far managed to deflect Iraqi tankers on their own simply by refusing to send tugboats to help them berth.

standstill and sanctions had for further orders. The ship

The 80,000-ton Iraqi tanker confrontation at sea after al-Fao arrived at the Saudi

minimum force necessary" to away several hours later to anchor in international waters where another unsuccessful tanker, the al-Qadissiyah, has been anchored since Monday. Four more tankers, two of refused permission to berth. On the other side of the Arabian peninsula, two Iraqi freighters anchored off Dubai left after being refused per-

mission to dock, according to shipping sources.
The Iraqi-flagged and government-owned Balgees, a 3.861-ton vessel carrying Pol-Agaba, Iraq's last lifeline for ish-made armaments, waited United Nations which would foreign trade, was at a virtual in the eastern Mediterranean delight President Saddam.

last night it still had not passed through the Suez Canal Military analysts said it indicated challenge US warships now ready to intercept Iraqi ships approaching Aqaba.

American warships in the eastern Mediterranean were not likely to challenge the Balgees because it is one thing challenging a ship approaching a blockaded port, and very different challenging one hundreds of miles away.

test American resolve by sending a ship laden with armaments to Aqaba, it had no cargo ship said to be carrying food. If intercepted, it could place the United States on a collision course with the Several countries, among Defence as very relaxed.

IRAQ continued to probe the cut the tonnage handled there American naval blockade yes by 80 per cent, according to terday, but appeared unwilling Lloyds List International. Lag invaded Kuwair, but by mission. President Bush insists that all goods being sent to Iraq are embargoed. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, secretarythat Iraq had no desire to general of the United Nations, said that UN approval must be sought if sanctions are to be enforced militarily.

The government-owned

7,000-ton Zain al-Qaws was the first Iraqi ship to pass through the Suez Canal since the UN imposed sanctions on Iraq on August 6. While Cairo is engaged in a propaganda war with Baghdad, its officials While Iraq was reluctant to said no ship could be denied passage unless it flew the flag of a country at war with Egypt. Britain, which has three such compunction about a warships and a support vessel in the Gulf, was in no danger of risking embarrassment by blocking Iraqi ships carrying food. The mood among the

WASHINGTON

US declares ships can use force

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

permission to prevent "with the minimum amount of force necessary" the movement of vessels carrying goods and other supplies in and out of Kuwait and Iraq.

The blockade took effect at around I am British time yesterday after Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, signed an order approved by President Bush on Wednesday. The order covers the Gulf of Oman, the Red Sea approach to the Jordanian port of Anaha and the Gulf south of Iraqi-occupied Kuwait.

The Pentagon said that Mr Bush "authorised a multinational effort that will intercept ships carrying the products and commodities that are bound to or from Iraq and Kuwait". Most ships in the region were observing an international embargo on commerce before the naval

mally announced that its war- bearing oil, food and other native ports. The UN has not its motor to cripple it. ships in the Gulf have supplies were in the zone authorised such a blockade, when it started. The order permits the US

navy to enforce a trade and economic embargo against Iray by warning cargo ships in the region to stop, searching them for goods covered by United Nations-backed sanc-



Chenev: signed order for use of minimum force

since it has not vet decided

they are broken. The Pentagon said US naval Sunday, but his administration has refused to use the word since it signals an act of war and describes the naval efforts as "interdiction".

> The precise rules of engagement issued for the blockade are classified, and Pete Williams, the Pentagon's spokesman, refused to say what a US if a vessel ignored warnings to stop and be searched.

Non-government military experts have said the rules of engagement could include firing warning shots across a

THE United States has for- blockade began and no ships force to divert them to alter- ship's bow, at its rudder or at

"To the maximum extent possible, we will conduct ophow to enforce the sanctions if erations without the use of force," Mr Williams said. The order raised concern

officers would halt ships leav- that the US was stepping up ing or approaching other the offensive nature of its places, including Jordan, if allegedly defensive operations they suspect the vessels are in the Gulf. The Pentagon taking supplies to Iraq. Mr order allows naval com-Bush called for a blockade last manders to escalate their use of force to achieve their aim. Some military experts and administration officials have reportedly interpreted Mr Bush's order as a final move before open war.

The Pentagon's orders to the US navy came after acknowledgement by military forces in Saudi Arabia to warship commander would do journalists that US pilots are operating under similar rules of engagement to those issued to the naval commanders.

The US department of defence confirmed reports on Thursday that US fighter pilots locked their radar-weapons systems on to Iraqi jets that approached them in Saudi Arabian air space.

The Pentagon also announced its first estimate of the costs of the US military operations in Saudi Arabia as \$1.2 billion (£630 million) through to the end of September. The figure does not include the potential cost of mobilising reserve forces. Private experts have estimated that the operation could cost the US between \$300 million and \$400 million a month.

To justify his blockade order President Bush has invoked the authority of "collective self defence" clauses in the UN Charter and said that he acted in response to a request from the deposed ruling family of Kuwait.

Iranian PoWs go home as Iraqi troops start the withdrawal

700-odd British sailors was

described by the Ministry of

From Juan Carlos Gumucio .

IN DUBAL Military bands and crowds waving portraits of Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday welcomed hundreds of Iranian prisoners of war returning home in tears of joy. Travelling in the opposite direction were Iraqi armoured brigades as they began

withdrawing from Iran to the Saudi border. The implementation of the first phase of President Saddam's "peace initiative" drew a friendly gesture from Tehran but, as expected, it has failed to woo Iran into Baghdad's camp

Shorily after the first batch of Iraman prisoners was driven in buses through the Khosrawi border post on the main Tehran-Baghdad highway, officials in Tehran said

that Iraqi prisoners of war would be sent home too. But Tehran again made it very clear that it does not intend to join President Saddam's "holy war" against the West and its Arab allies, nor to soften its

condemnation of the invasion of Kuwait. In fact, Tehran offer Baghdad some advice. Addressing Friday worshippers in the Iranian capital, Ayatollah Abdulkarim Mousavi Ardebīli, declared: "Saddam is struggling ... His best bet is to leave Kowait, then all of us in the region can tell

America: 'Sir, please leave'.' The release of prisoners gave Tehran fresh reason to rejoice after President Saddam's concessions to end a war which has cost nearly one million lives and shattered the economy of both nations. "Blessed bethe echo of your first manly steps back on-

the homeland", read the headline of a Tehran newspaper. As thousands of Iranians rushed to the Red Crescent society to read the list of fredd prisoners. Tehran radio said: "This is the result of ten years of patience and resistance by you, brave men and women of Iran."

The International Committee of the Red Cross has registered about 20,000 Iranians and 50,000 Iragis, but United Nations officials say the total is much higher. Iraq said that the 1,000 prisoners freed yesterday were among those who had spent longest in Mosul prison. They were first taken to. Baghdad by train, wearing yellow prison uniforms. The Iranians waved to pedestrians as they were driven from Baghdad to the border in a convoy of buses. While the Iranians celebrated, the Iraqis

planned their next military move. Accord- bodies will be torn to pieces wherever they ing to Iranian military commanders, Iraqi infantry and armoured divisions began pulling out from the rugged border mountains of Meimak, in the former central battlefront, and areas of Kalleh Qandi, Mehran and Naft Shah.

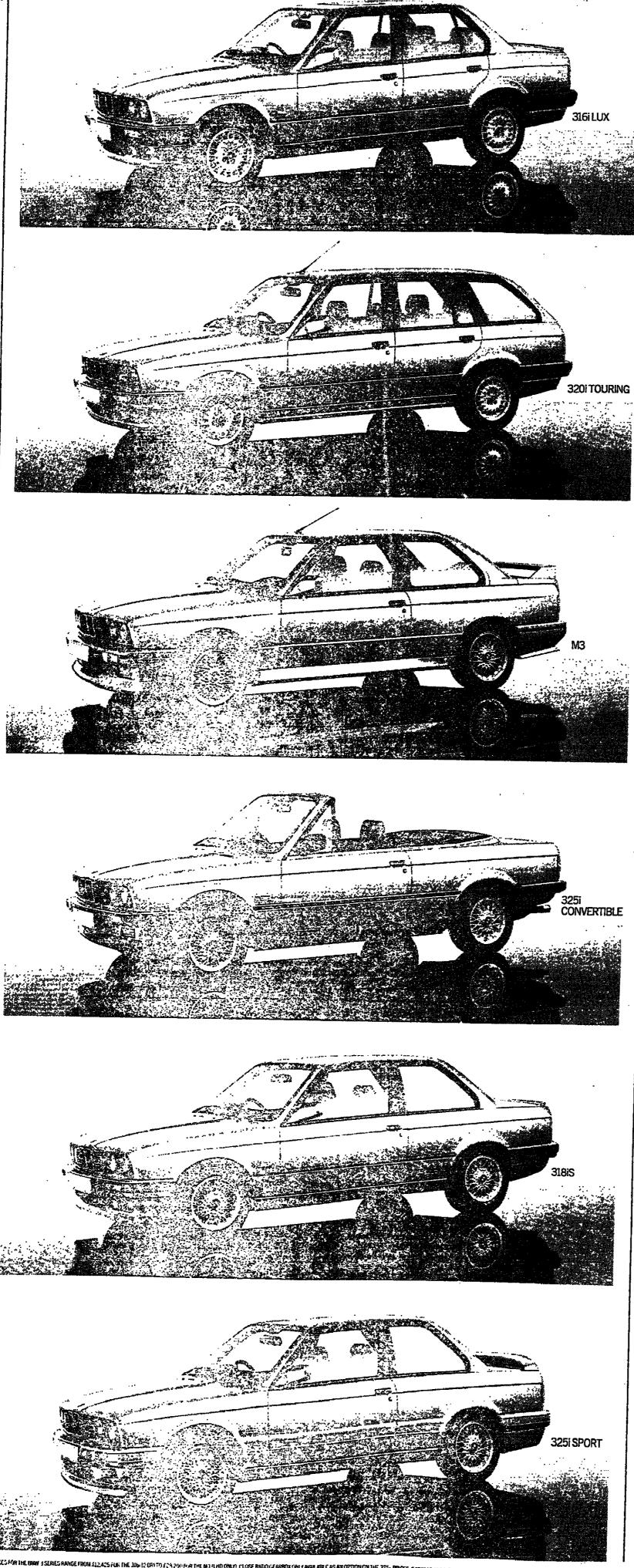
The withdrawal is expected to be completed by Wednesday. President Saddam will then strengthen his 130,000strong force in Kuwait and along the Saudi border with a further 30 army divisions. For the time being, at least, the Iraqis are

waging a vicious war of words. Yesterday al-Jumhuriya, newspaper of the Baath party, said that US pilots attacking Iraq were doomed. "Their planes will fall like dead sparrows," it said. "No mercy will be shown to the American pilots, whose

fall so that their souls will go to Hell." • Red Cross boost: In the hope of gaining access to Americans and Europeans stop-

ped from leaving Iraq and Kuwaii, the International Committee of the Red Cross has sent 12 delegates to join the 19 in Baghdad (Alan MacGregor writes from Geneva). The latter are "stretched to the limit", an ICRC official said, in trying to ensure that the exchange of prisoners in Iraq and Iran is carried out in conformity with the

Geneva Conventions, and in particular that those being repatriated go of their own free will. The ICRC was taken by surprise yesterday when the arrival at the frontier of the first 1,000 Iranians freed by Iraq. They had not been seen beforehand by the ICRC delegation in Teheran.



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OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT: EFFECTS ON BRITAIN

Oil prices force big rises in air and road travel costs

By KEVIN EASON AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

BIG increases in the cost of travelling by road and air seem certain to push inflation through the psychologically important 10 per cent barrier as the Gulf emergency last night continued to cause volatility in world

On the day that the government announced that July inflation was held to 9.8 per cent, petrol prices rose by 4.5p a gallon and airlines announced increases of up to 6 per cent in transatlantic fares and holiday flights. Petrol costs have now risen by 33pa gallon since the start of the year and by about 15p agallon in less than two weeks as

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a result of Shell's decision to raise the cost of four star fuel to a record 217.8p.

Shell said that there might be further increases as the oil companies continue to react to nervous spot markets. The Shell rise is expected to be followed within days by similar rises among other big oil companies, who were studying Shell's decision last night.

British Airways has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to increase transatlantic air fares by 6 per cent from September 1, raising the cost of a single club class ticket from Heathrow to New York from £900 to £954, almost matching surcharges already imposed by

American carriers such as Pan Am, Northwest, Delta and TWA. Britannia, the biggest charter airline, has told its tour operator customers that fuel charges will go up by about 5 per cent within 21 days, the equivalent of £4 on the cost of an average Mediterranean holiday. Industry and motoring organizations

greeted the increases with dismay, saying that they would have a big impact on inflation. The Confederation of British Industry said: "The implications of such large rises for inflation are not good. Inflation seems certain to rise again at a time when companies are battling to hold costs. Firms will clearly have to look prospects of higher fuel prices in all areas are growing, not receding." The Road Haulage Association, which represents commercial transport fleets, said: "The industry is already suffering from the decline in the economy. Costs increasing at this rate are no help."

Most big tour operators have either taken out insurance against increases in fuel prices or given a guarantee that there will be no surcharges this year and therefore will not pass on the rises immediately. However, about a million people a year travel with companies not affiliated to the Association of British

closely at their travel budgets, for the Travel Agents which do not have such a guarantee and will face immediate increases. The cost of a package holiday next year looks certain to be up to 15 per cent higher as tour operators seek to claw back the losses they will make over this coming winter as they absorb the fuel price rises. Oil companies say that they are powerless to prevent price rises as costs of crude oil and bulk petrol products continue to rise.

Abta, the tour operators' group, said that it was receiving regular applications from smaller tour operators for permission to impose fuel surcharges and would be studying them to ensure that they were

Inside the KGB

The man who runs the world's most feared security service talks for the first time to a Western writer, in The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow. General Vladimir Kryuchkov opens the doors on the means, the minds and the methods of the Soviet Union's KGB

Paradise and the Devil

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Weldon's new novel Darcy's Utopia, in the Books section tomorrow

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tomorrow for the next

four weeks

Labour says round-up alarm was premature By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

that the government had unnecessarily alarmed the rel- to implement: "It's very imatives of British people portant that, if the governstranded in Kuwait by reactstranded in Kuwait by reacting precipitately to the Iraqi statements, which it describes call for a round-up.

Gerald Kaufman, Labour's sure indeed of its facts. chief foreign affairs spokesman, criticised William Waldegrave, a junior Foreign Office minister, for describing the Iraqi order as "grave and" of people who are unable to leave Iraq and Kuwait will be very worned indeed. They are

His criticism, opening a new line of attack on the govern-ment's handling of the Gulf confrontation, strengthened the impression that the united front maintained by the leading opposition parties in supporting ministers was fraying at the edges.

Labour's approach to the Gulf flare-up and its demand for a recall of Parliament will be discussed by its most senior figures early next week. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, flies back from his holiday in Roy Hattersley, his deputy, and Mr Kaufman. If British nationals in the region face further serious threats, or if British warships become involved in hostilities, Labour is almost certain to happy intense

LABOUR yesterday suggested of the order, which the Iraqi authorities have so far failed as grave, that it should be very

worried anyhow, and it's essential that their worries should not be added to

unnecessarily."
Mr Kaufinan's comments, in an interview for BBC Radio 4's The World At One, were made as Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, condemned the Iraqi order as the "tactics of the author down the see" of the outlaw down the ages" and promised that the government would do all it could to bring about an orderly and safe evacuation of British

citizens in Iraq and Kuwait. flies back from his holiday in Tuscany this weekend, and a thinly veiled rebuke to the will review the situation with government for leaving a junior minister to present its response to events in the Gulf. The country wanted to see the crisis "handled and seen to be handled at the highest level".

He went on to reiterate calls by Labour and Liberal Demopressure for the recess to be crat politicians for Britain and the United States to return to While acknowledging the the United Nations Security scope for confusion over Council to obtain explicit President Saddam Hussein's authority for their blockade of



Airmen of 20 Squadron boarding a Hercules transporter at RAF Honington, Lincolnshire, yesterday, to fly to Cyprus to join other British forces

Families advised not to wait for savings to go

FAMILIES whose incomes have dried up because the main wage-earner is working in Kuwait were yesterday advised to tell their building societies and banks, rather than wait for their savings run

Robert Hayward, Conservative MP for Kingswood, near Bristol, who recently set up a helpline at his home for relatives of workers in Kuwait, said that people might think they had enough money to last them for weeks or cheque for £2,500 to start a months, but direct debit pay- fund for the Gulf support ments from Kuwaiti com- group. It was established by The helpline telephone panies and organisations had amalgamating Mr Hayward's number is 071-430 9920.

already stopped. helpline with another set up Companies in the United by Joanna Coppley, an office manager, whose sister, Jane Katharine, aged 27, was Kingdom whose employees were in Kuwait and Iraq were being very belpful when aptrapped in Kuwait on her way proached by, or on behalf of to Kuala Lumpur. The support group is now their employees' families, he said, adding that people

working from two committee should not take for granted rooms at the New Connaught that they would receive Rooms in Great Queen Street, money later because of large London. It passes on to callers any information it receives Mr Hayward was speaking from the Foreign Office, from at a press conference at which Iraq, which can still be British Telecom presented a reached by telephone, from

other relatives and from those who have managed to escape.

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Arms shipment manifest studied

By Sheila Gunn, political reporter

yesterday that its investigation said. into a cargo of 500 tonnes of arms and ammunition in Hull awaiting shipment to Jordan will go on "as long as it is

A spokesman said that ofmanifest of the Yugoslavregistered ship to ensure that the paperwork was in order and the cargo was as stated and as agreed for the export

have stopped the ship pending line.

THE trade department said investigation," a spokesman

Tim Sainsbury, the trade minister, was involved in the decision to suspend the export licence for the shipment. Such a licence is needed for all arms shipments. Britain has an ficials were looking at the embargo under the UN resolution on arms to Iraq and Kuwait. There is no arms embargo on Jordan.

A licence was originally granted by the trade department for the cargo which was They were also making stated to be bound for Aquaba enquiries to ensure that its on the MV Tara, which is on destination was Jordan. "We charter to the Jordan National

intentions, Mr Kaufman said Iraq. attack

Two teenagers shot nearly 200 people with a high powered industrial staplegun "for a laugh", a court was told yesterday. A 39-year-old bus driver was blinded in one eye when he was hit by one of the 11/2 in staples. Others were less seriously injured.

The teenagers drove through Walsall, Wednesbury and Wolverhampton in a van firing indiscriminately at pedestrians, Wolverhampton crown court was told. One of the youths told police that they fired the gun to hit people

in the legs to "see them jump".

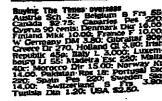
Gavin Mainwaring, aged
19, of Alton Avenue, Willenhall, and Paul Whatkiss, aged 18, of Willenhall Street, Darlaston, both West Midlands, admitted three charges involving wounding and assault and were sent to a young offender institution for nine months.

Girl dies in fall

Police were last night looking for the parents of a girl aged 12 who died after she fell 100ft from a cliff onto jagged rocks at Watchet, Somerset. An RAF helicopter took her to Musgrove Park hospital, Taunton, but she was dead on arrival. The girl's grandmother has been informed but her mother, believed to live in Warminster, Wiltshire, had not yet been contacted by

Innovator dies

Robert Reid, a distinguished former editor of the BBC series Horizon who made science on television accessible and popular, was yes-terday found dead in his car near his home in Hampstead Marshall, Berkshire. A note was discovered. Dr Reid, aged 57, was chairman of Video Arts Television which he joined 15 years ago, having been head of science and features at the BBC.



Youths in Repair disruption staplegun for North Sea rigs

BRITAIN'S oil production, conditions, as well as union already affected by strike action on North Sea rigs, will oil companies. The mote face further disruption later this month when urgent repair work is carried out on the undersea pipeline leading to the Flotta oil terminal,

Orkney.

The flow of up to 2.8 million barrels of oil from seven fields will be delayed by the two-week repair programme on a quarter mile section of pipeline, six miles north east of the Claymore

Meanwhile, a fifth wildcat strike will affect North Sea oil and gas industries today as contract workers continue their efforts to enforce improved safety and working



McDonald: confident of court action failing

recognition offshore, on the oil companies. The move comes in the wake of a

decision by the unions in-

volved to ballot the workforce on making the strike official. Shell, one of the companies hardest hit in the two-week old action, yesterday began legal proceedings in the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court, to evict 240 men staging a sit-in on plat-forms and fotels in the East

Shetland basin. Men dis-missed for refusing to leave the six installations after last platform. week's strikes have been sent individual letters telling them to leave. The unofficial Offshore In-

dustry Liaison Committee, the body behind the action, confirmed yesterday that it would oppose the court application. Ronald Mc-Donald, the chairman, said: "Some months ago we re-tained one of Scotland's top advocates to look into aspects of the law. We anticipated this move by Shell." Mr Mo-Donald said that he was would fail.

Last night, the Offshore
Contractors Council said the strike call was astonishing and provocative. "Clearly such action can only further inflame this dispute," it said.

Denning guarded by police

Kuwaiti assets in Britain.

By JOHN YOUNG

LORD Denning, former Mas-ter of the Rolls, said last night that he was under police protection at his home in Hampshire because of concern over reaction to an article in The Speciator.

In an interview in the magazine this week, he was quoted as saying that if the death penalty had been imposed on the Guildford Four, "they'd probably have hanged the right men. Not proved against them, that's all."

He said yesterday that "the police are taking it so seriously here that they feel I may be an object of Irish terrorists. As a result of this publication they felt I needed special protection, so I am now under police protection."

Alastair Logan, solicitor for Carole Richardson and Patrick Armstrong, two of the four, whose convictions for the bombing of a public house in 1974 were quashed last year after they had served 15 years in prison, said last night that confident that the move he had written demanding a retraction and apology. He was also seeking an undertaking that there would be no further publication, and

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Carnival rift over finances

By Daniel Treisman

opens, the organising commit- management skill" and "lack tee's vice-chairman has re- of financial experience", and incompetence.

The announcement came as untary organisation". committee members expresinadequate to finance Europe's biggest street festival. Up to a million people are expected to attend the event- ive economic development." over the August bank holiday. man of the carnival enterprise force for nearly three years,

ONE week before the Notting ber. He attacked some board Mr Francis said that the event Hill Carnival in London members for "total lack of could be made profitable by signed after accusing the said the "democratic manner ing to win the confidence of committee of financial in which the board is run is sponsors. tantamount to a poor vol-

He criticised continuous sed frustration that funds are pandering to "bogus community pressures", which he said of time and commitment, would result in "a continual cycle of no-growth and negat-

Mr Francis, who headed committee, said in a letter to resigned from his position last other board members last September to become managweek that he would remain a ing director of a building body until the end of Septem- last year's carnival committee,

application of sound business principles, with strict account-Mr Francis said that he did

not wish to attack members of the board personally, "They put in a phenomenal amount which is all unpaid, for no reward," he said. Claire Holder, committee

chairwoman, said: "In a sense, Colin Francis, vice-chair- the north Kensington task we are a poor voluntary organisation. We're trying to put the carnival on a proper business footing, but we're funded in a way which does committed member of the contractor. After serving on not recognise the need for any pump priming."



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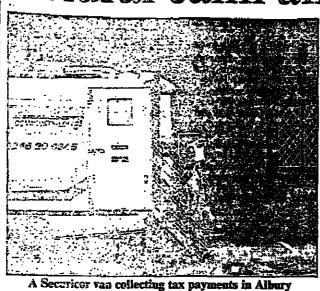
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HE villagers of Albury in Henfordshire have grown used to the large men in blue helmets who arrive each month to take away their money. Since June, the district council has employed Securicor to collect its poll tax. Dacorum district council in Hemel Hempstead has contracted the security company to collect poll

tax and council rent payments from Albury and 30 other villages. The Conservative controlled authority is the first in Britain to make use of Securicor's Community-Link scheme, which is designed to assist those areas without a bank to pay their dues at a lower cost than by payment through the Post Office. The council estimates that the 48p charge set by the Post Office for each poll tax transaction would cost the district about £500,000, while the the Community-Link scheme is estimated to cost less than £50,000.

Last month, 1,000 people used the service, which parish councillors have greeted enthusiastically. The success comes in an area where collecting the poll tax has been notably straightforward with 96.5. per cent of Dacorum's 100,000 poli tax payers meeting their monthly instalments on the £393 charge, the highest proportion in the country. The area, which lies in west Hertfordshire's prosperous com-muter belt, has low unemployment. Peter Batchelor, the council's assistant director of finance, says that half the payers use bank direct

He added: "The Securicor scheme is an attempt to get the polltax to the villages which have a high proportion of elderly people who do not have the mobility to get to a bank. The vans are secure and reliable cash offices. They are there to assist and not to chase people for

Tom Giles contrasts the experiences of two councils as they collect the poll tax

arrears. "People are very honourable when it comes to paying their bills. This is an affluent region made up of new garden towns' and rural villages. There are no urban

The picture of rural acquiescence contrasts sharply with Lambeth, in south London. There poll-tax arrears are among the highest in the bout 20,000 of Lambeth's

177,000 registered commu-

Inity charge payers have yet to receive their first bill. Among those who have, non-payment is estimated at up to 60 per cent. The council cannot be specific because 55 per cent of payers are thought to be entitled to claim a

income, racially-mixed population, which make poll tax collection a daunting task. The council was the last in the country to set its community charge, at £547.89, a figure which has been capped. The council quickly launched a campaign publicising rebates.

A council spokeswoman said the rebates were applicable because Lambeth was the fourth most deprived area in Britain. "We are therefore guaranteed a certain amount of income from the government to pay for this. We do not send a bill to those who are most reliant on a rebate until they have worked out their entitlement." Despite the capping, the

environment department wrote to the council last week ordering it not to send out any further bills until the new rate set at £521.63 was reduced further. Lambeth cannot hears the result of a test case to be brought by Haringey council later this month. Haringey, in north London, has challenged the government's call for its community charge to be further reduced after capping. The Lambeth computer has so many calculations to contend with that any revised rate may

be a long time emerging.

The council has yet to issue any summonses to non-payers, al-though it says these will eventually be taken to court. Bailiffs have been

ruled out as expensive and likely to provoke unrest. The spokeswoman said the council was trying to collect the tax "in a manner which befits a poor and

"We are therefore happier giving debt counselling and payment a vice rather than using forceful

Rushdie video ban lifted after author supports appeal

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

the committee to reverse it. A BAN ON a video depicting Salman Rushdie as a drunken murderer of Musilms, was lifted yesterday after the the Muslim Centre in London, author gave his support to said after the hearing. "The an appeal for its public argument that the book an appeal for its public Mr Rushdie said that a

have damaged the process of las was a separate issue from fatwa stays valid." the book and would not lead to reconciliation or the withdrawal of the jatwa against the Mr Rushdie, who has been

in hiding since the late Khomeini senlaunched the appeal. Mr Fayyaz, aged 54, who is the biggest distributor of Asian stands to make a fortune from the Urdu-language film, successfully appealed to the seven cities in England. video appeals committee after the British Beard of Film Classification (BBFC) refused to grant the film a certificate.

In a statement to the com-

However, Muhammad Ghayas, assistant director of

should be protected but that the video should be banned continuation of the ban would turned the idea of freedom of speech upside down. The liftreconciliation for which he ing of the ban now makes has been working with Mus- sense of it. But the video and lims since publication of his the book are different issues. book The Satanic Verses. Nothing has happened which Leading Muslims said iast will bring about reconcili-night, however, that the re-lease of international Guerril-tanic Verses remains and the

Mr Fayyaz, of Famous Video, a south London company which owns the distribution rights, said that International Guerrillas will be available in the shops within two weeks and that an tenced him to death, submit- English sub-titled version ted written evidence for could be released. He added: Mohammed Fayyaz, the "The film will not incite video distributor who anyone to do anything. It's

Sajjad Gul, the producer of the film, said that British videos in Britzin and who justice and democracy had prevailed. There were plans to show the video at cinemas in

The appeals committee decided unanimously to allow distribution of the video and granted an 18 certificate. James Ferman, director of the mittee, which was formed as BBFC, said that Mr Rushdie's an independent body under statement had been crucial. "I the 1984 Video Recordings wish we had had access to it Act, Mr Rushdie said that the before we made our decision ban could frustrate his plans three weeks ago. The board

bound by the law." The decision to ban the film had been the most difficult the board had ever taken but the board had sought to protect

Mr Rushdie, he said. "Supposing we had passed this film and Rushdie was killed; would we ever forgive ourselves?" Mr Rushdie, an Urdu-speaker, said that he had seen

the film but in spite of its clearly abusive content he did not wish to seek the dubious protection of censorship. He said: "As a writer, I am opposed in principle to the use of the archaic criminal laws, sedition and criminal libel, against creative works ... as an excuse for imposing censorship by way of prior restraint. I believe that these antiquated common laws now serve no purpose and are contrary to the freedom of expression guarantee in the European Convention. I make no exception to this principle even in the case of a film which quite

Mr Rushdie said that he had more confidence than the BBFC in the film audience, Muslim and non-Muslim alike, "to recognise this film for the distorted, incompetent piece of trash that it is, and to understand that the 'Salman Rushdie' character is ludicrously unlike the real me." A written judgment will be issued soon and the fee for the appeal refunded to Mr Fayyaz

plainly vilifies me.



Water music: Simon Hewitt-Jones, aged eight, (left) and his brother Thomas, aged five, practising with National Youth Orchestra double-bass player Margaret

Guinness jury asked to study if £5m fee legal

By PAUL WILKINSON

payment to one of the company's directors could have been

The trial judge, Mr Justice Henry, said the prosecution financier Sir Jack Lyons, had claimed that it was simply Mr Saunders had said too big to be honest, but Ernest Saunders, Guinness's former chairman, who ap-proved the payment in principle, said that it was merely the necessary rate.

The money was paid to Thomas Ward, an American lawyer, for seven weeks' work during Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover of the Distillers drinks group in 1986. The judge, on the third day of his summing up, told jurors:
"You would have to be very well paid to earn £5.2 million in the course of the whole of your life. You would have to earn £100,000 for 52 years and not too many of us are going to manage that."

He said that Mr Saunders had contended: "We needed him, and he came expensive. Mr Saunders, the judge said, was "working all the hours God gave on this bid, very much the captain of the ship. and was getting paid £225,000 a year at that time, as opposed to this £5.2 million".

Mr Saunders and three other businessmen have denied a total of 22 counts and breaches of the Companies Act, during Guinness's takeover battle with the Argyll narket chain for

JURORS in the Guinness trial of Distillers. With the former were yesterday asked to con-Guinness chairman in the sider whether a £5.2 million dock are Gerald Ronson, head of Britain's second largest private company, Heron International, the stockbroker Anthony Parnes and the

Mr Saunders had said that Mr Ward was a formidable lawyer, and was responsible for setting up a deal with Distillers for them to pay Guinness's bid costs, the judge said. That arrangement had saved Guinness £15 million in underwriting fees but the main prosecution witness, Guinness's former finance director Olivier Roux, had said that the agreement was the idea of a lawyer in Guinness's own firm of solicitors. Mr Saunders had claimed, the judge said, that Ward had them over a barrel, but the jury was entitled to look at the barrel. Were there not some cards Mr Saunders could have played?

Guinness's president, Lord Iveagh, had denied Mr Saunders's suggestion that he had agreed to the fee, and another director Edward Guinness, had said he thought it was an "outrageous fee" when he learned of it later.

Mr Saunders, however, in his evidence had accused them of using hindsight and said that if at the time be had suggested a fee of £10 million no one would have objected. alleging theft, false accounting He claimed that Mr Ward had also been important in keeping Distillers' directors in line and helping Mr Roux.

On the other hand, the judge continued, Kingsley Napley, Guinness's solicitors during part of the subsequent investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry, had made a formal complaint that Mr Ward was never available. The prosecution had also pointed out that advice from counsel on the measure agreement had cost merger agreement had cost only £100,000, and the fees for Guinness's original solicitors during the bid, Freshfields, with 18 staff working on the

deal, were only £1.8 million. The judge referred to a lunch meeting between Mr Ronson and Mr Saunders on April 3 1986, at the height of the takeover, at which Mr Ronson claimed that his £5 million success fee was agreed with Mr Saunders. Mr Saunders had claimed that it was merely a routine meeting to discuss future property deals, but the court had heard that the lunch engagement entry in Mr Saunders diary had been partly erased. The judge said: "If this was a routine meeting, there was no reason for it to be erased. If it was not, one has to look for some significance. If it was Mr Saunders' crasure it only makes sense if he knew it was a crucial meeting."

The judge will continue his summing-up on Monday

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Sales of H-cars fail to halt fall The enthusiastic rush for cars

carrying the new H registra-tion plate this month has failed to lift the motor industry out of its sales slump (Kevin Eason writes).

Manufacturers had hoped

that the introduction of the August registration would bring a revival in a disappointing year in which sales are down by about 10 per cent, forcing them to offer discounts of up to £1,000 on some models.

However, according to the Society of Motor Manufac-turers and Traders, registrations in the first ten days of this month did nothing to lift their spirits, as they were 11.47 per cent down on the same period last year.

Coal into oil

A £40 million pilot project to produce oil from coal was opened by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, yesterday. The plant next to British Coal's Point of Air colliery in Clwyd, uses a process claimed to be twice as productive as other methods. The project, backed by £800,000 from the Welsh Office, could even-tually employ 80 people and of coal a day into oil.

School shut

A special school has been closed by John MacGregor, the education secretary, because he believed pupils were at risk after inspectors criticised teaching methods and discipline. Holly Court school, Camden, north London, also had a history of inappropriate relationships, Peter Mitchell, Camden's director of edu-cation, said. There have been allegations of a sexual incident between pupils.

IRA campaign

IRA sympathisers have illegally put up hundreds of posters in Roman Catholic parts of west Belfast warning local people to keep clear of police and army patrols. On the posters the IRA says that many attacks it had intended for the security forces have had to be abandoned to avoid injuring passers by. Murdered and maimed civilians have become an increasingly regular feature of IRA attacks.

V&A heads for a £2.3m deficit By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT and inadequate records. The

THE Victoria and Albert Museum in London has warned objectives include improving the government that it faces a

£2.3 million deficit this year, despite a 14 per cent increase in its annual grant. The warning comes in a table and financial submission to David Mellor, the arts

museum could face losses of almost £10 million by 1993 at the end of its three-year projected funding cycle. It puts in jeopardy the five-year plan ordered by Richard

Luce, the former arts minister, which the V & A has submitted along with other national

change since the museum was built 80 years ago. It has been devised partly to answer have wanted." He would not criticisms in a 1988 National Audit Office report which fer, but that the shortfall castignted the museum for its poor storage, conservation museum's projected needs.

the display of objects, providmg up-to-date records of the collections, establishing a research programme, enhancing the education service under its newly appointed head, to David Mellor, the arts developing a branch museum minister, which shows that the in Bradford and improving public services and access to the galleries.
The museum also hopes to

restore visitor numbers from the present L4 million to the 2 million of six years ago. A copy of the strategic plan has gone to the minister with the financial submission

staffing restructure, which announcement of a deficit," made eight senior curators redundant, the five-year plan represents the most announcement of the V&A, said "It make the V&A, sa elements of the strategic plan, such as marketing, have had less resources than we would

morning. Vicars warned against cheap church repairs

ENGLISH Heritage, the guardian of ancient buildings, has warned vicars and parish authorities about the dangers of repairing buildings on the cheap. The advice comes after a former vicar of St Mary the Virgin at Knowsley, Liver-pool, used unemployed men supplied by the Manpower Services Commission to repair a church roof that turned out to be badly affected by dry

The Rev Karl Ayad, vicar of Knowsley, said: "The vicar at the time had the good intention of giving work to unemployed men who would restore the roof within a budget the church could afford. He assumed they would be skilled workers who had the

misfortune to not have a job." They were not. Even though the work was supervised by the diocesan architect the

emerged from the rafters, surveyors found an advanced case of dry rot extending into the walls of the church which is a grade II* listed building." Ian Jardin, historic buildings division manager of Eng-lish Heritage, said that the church had not followed up its initial enquiry about a grant

for the original restoration. "We warned about the limitations of MSC labour and the need for a precise repair specifications to be approved by us. He [the vicar] probably thought we were being far too

With the parish facing a second even heavier restora-tion bill, the only alternative mended by the diocese who ment of the Church of Eng-was expected to oversee the land will be debated at the

"When a large mushroom ment of £215,000 plus costs was reached. Mr Ayad said:
The church was a forest of scaffolding for nearly a year."

Ten years after the first repair work began, the church at last had a sound roof helped by a £400,000 grant from English

Heritage.

Vicars' wives are still ne-Vicars' wives are still neglected by many dioceses in
the Church of England, Reading to discontent and loneliness; a survey published
yesterday in The Church of
England Newspaper says.
Although the wives often
give financial and moral support to their spouses, they can
be left not knowing who to

be left not knowing who to talk to in case of marinal difficulties or bereavement, was for the parish council to the survey reports.

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work. After a four-year legal Liberal Democrat conference battle, an out of court settle- in Blackpool next month.



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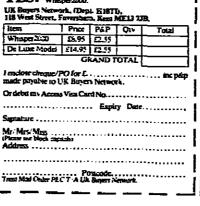
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By Nick NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A PRIVATE counterfeit ex-pert has been brought in by cost, may believe the work is copier, reproduce as jet black genuine. This week the re-rather than as colour. leading print and publishing cently re-formed arts and anhouses in an attempt to stem the growth of art forgers producing prints, posters and limited edition works.

David Jenkins, who was british watercolourist and hired six months ago by the International Print and Some experts have sug-International Print and Some experts have sug-Publishing Association, gested that the forgers are

Using a fast car and a portable telephone Mr Jenkins stalks the illegal rings of moonlighting printers, dealers and distributors who are behind the lucrative black mar-

Laser scanning lithographic printing can scan an image in seconds, putting the basic palette of colours on to photographic plates from which hundreds of thousands of the copies a night can be made. Forgeries of high quality pictures and posters, normally retailing for up to £17, are the main product of the cut-price. counterfeiters.

The rings are most active in erate wherever a legitimate printer is faring badly and is prepared to turn presses over

The forgers' latest target is photographer, whose pictures

feited includes that of David Bailey, the photographer, and limited edition artist prints: These normally retail for

confessed to losing up to a than a civil offence. Fine Arts Trade Guilds, said.

Experienced dealers can readily spot a fraud but the public, attracted by the low using the later printing process or

tiques squad at Scotland Yard launched an investigation into forged copies of works by Sir William Russell Flint, the

vanced Holography Lab-

oratories at Loughborough

University, said the foils were

being used increasingly by

software disc and video tape

manufacturers as way of re-

assuring customers that the

goods were gennine and tamper-free. The metal foils,

which can be made with

individual signatures, could

be added to the corner of

prints to show they are from

approved publishers. Charles Ross, of Black and

White Publishing of London, believes that foils may help but says that the 1988 laws need to be tightened if talented

photographers, artists, pub-lishers and honest printers are

to be saved from bankruptcy.

"People who have made money from bootlegging are

now hiring their own photographers, sets and actors to copy our images," he said, "What people have to

realise is that originality and

quality carry a price, other-

wise the prints market in Britain will become a place

where we copy ideas rather than create them."

Publishing Association, said. Three years ago this trade was probably worth a few hundred thousand pounds but in the last two years it has mushroomed into millions."

Beside the lastest desk top using the lastest desk top digital colour photocopiers whose growing sophistication led the Bank of England to redesign the £5 note. But that these are being used to make fine art forgeries.

Paul Lindsell, a Kodak spokesman, said that there were still problems in balancket. They use the latest high technology printing equipment.

Laser scanning lithographic printing cap scan as image in that the quality was still too crude and the costs too high to attract art forgers. Instead, the counterfeiters are almost certainly using the laser scanning printing technology to make prints which, at first glance, may look good but are almost certainly inferior to the originals, Mr Cathie said.
Until photocopiers arrive

The rings are most active in which can match the quality Bristol and London but op- or costs of modern lithographic printing the main task for the art world detectives is to combat the corrupt printers

There have been successes. the work of Bob Talbot, the In the West Midlands three of whales, dolphins and porpoises have become popular.

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worth an estimated £30,000. worth an estimated £30,000. They have been charged under the new Copywright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

Mr Jenkins said there were a about £600 but the forgeries further 30 prosecutions pending as police forces became aware that forging pictures some honest publishers have was now a criminal rather

fifth of their income to the forgers, Sarah Shuffell of the using the latest in coloured



Facing reality: Steve Cathie checking a proof of a poster at his London graphics company before printing Counterfeiters use the latest laser techniques, he says

Genetic factor in most cancers

By THOMSON PRENTICE

INHERITED risk factors may contribute to most cancers, a at an international conference on the disease yesterday.

Strong evidence is emerging to show that cancers of the breast, ovaries and bowel have a genetic link, and new findings suggest that some cigarette smokers have inherited a vulnerability to lung cancer, Bruce Ponder of Cambridge University said at the conference in Hamburg.

A study of almost 400 families in the United States showed that a genetic component contributed to the early onset of lung cancer among smokers, although smoking itself was the main cause.

Dr Ponder, of the human cancer genetics research group at Cambridge, added that the best long-term prospects for reducing cancer deaths lay with screening and prevention rather than with the treatment of advanced forms of the

Dr Ponder is leading a study funded by the Cancer Re-search Campaign involving women who have a family history of breast or ovarian cancer. The aim is to make it possible to identify family members who have a higher

Green plans 'may harm countryside'

MANY of the policies which to manage its natural reing the government to adopt could seriously damage the economy of the countryside and its wildlife, the British Field Sports Society says.

Patten, the environment secretary, and John Gummer, the offer little for the wider agriculture minister, the society says that much of the case made by the so-called national parks provide clear green lobby ignores the fact evidence of the effects of that rural areas are a resource encouraging people into spethat rural areas are a resource encouraging people into spe-from which people make their cific areas of countryside. A

Until recently, the country-stricted access is essential and side was managed to meet the is being increasingly demands of a largely urban recognised through nature demands of a largely urban population seeking food, energy and recreation at minimal cost, the society says. Townspeople showed little or no interest in its day to day management or in the living conditions of those who

Now, as a result of growing awareness of environmental issues, they are seeking a greater say in its management, but with little understanding that the countryside is a resource which has been developed and organised to provide employment as well

as recreation.

The decline in farming is having a severe effect on the countryside, the society says. to turn to light industry and to turn to agait incustry and tourism and thus fewer people with a working knowledge of the countryside are available store for mammating the countryside. "We cannot have trural policy being dictated from the car window," he said.

investment in the long-term

duce food surpluses and In a submission to Chris diversify the rural economy has resulted in policies which countryside, the society says. "The problems faced by our policy of regulated and re-

conservation legislation both here and in the other nations of the EC.

Balanced management of the countryside needs the support of government, but its prosecution is most effectively and economically carried out by those with a vested interest, the society says. The employ-ment of gamekeepers, ghillies and foresters in the role of wildlife managers is not al-ways understood by the public or by those who seek to

promote a "green" image.

John Hopkinson, the society's director, yesterday urged the government in fram-ing its forthcoming white paper to take account of the role of those actually responsible for maintaining the countryside. "We cannot have

WI backs calls for milk hormone ban

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN'S Institutes have the drug should not be li-joined the growing campaign censed for commercial use. joined the growing campaign for a ban on the use of genetically engineered hormones to boost milk yield in cows.

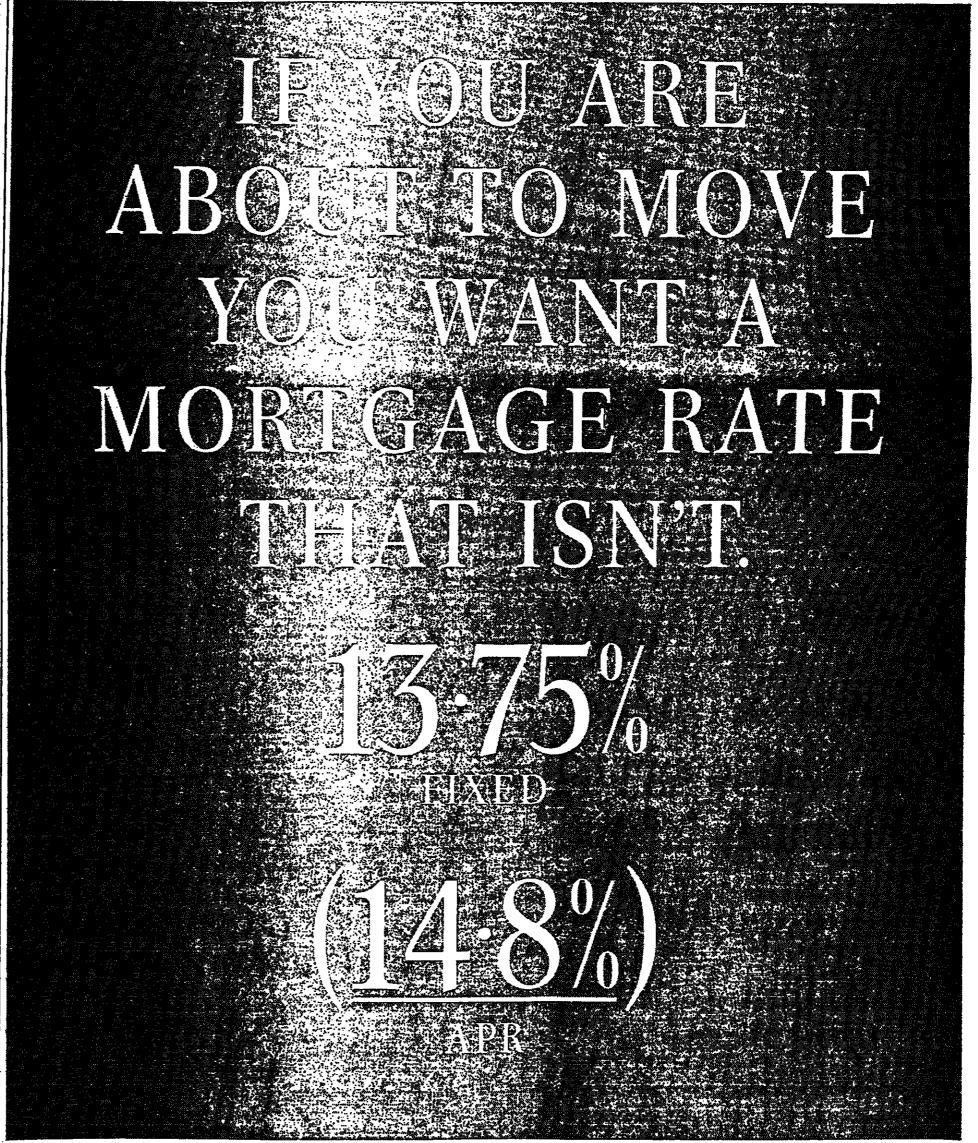
Jean Varnam, chairman of Women's Institutes, which represents 325,000 women, has written to John Gummer, the agriculture minister, and Kenneth Clarke, the health secretary, pointing out that women and children are the main consumers of milk. She says that the interest of producers would not be served already hard working dairy if a question mark over the wholesomeness of milk arose

in the public mind. for public consumption despite a provisional recomment's veterinary products consumers groups and animal committee last month, that welfare activists. mendation by the govern-

The committee's recommendation was based on concern about the effect of BST on animal health and about the National Federation of the method of its manufacture. A final decision is ex-

Mrs Varnam writes: "It is our view that BST is not a product which dairy farmers need, and that the risks for human health and the pressure which the use of the hormone would place on the

The government's scientific advisers have said that they Milk from cows injected with the hormone bovine somatotropin (BST) as part of secret trials is still being sold cont. It is safe for human sure for BST to be banned has come from an alliance of



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Death toll nears 200 as peace talks begin without Buthelezi

From Ray Kennedy in Johannesburg

African National Congress ANC deputy president. fought bloody battles in Soweto township for a second successive day yesterday and the African National Congress said sections of state security were promoting the violence.

At the same time a hastily convened peace forum began in Soweto to try to stop the bloodshed, which this week has claimed nearly 200 lives and left at least a thousand people injured in South Afncan black townships.

But the Zulu-based inkatha movement, one of the main from the talks at the Protea police station in the sprawling township on Johannesburg's southern border. The peace forum was set up_after a meeting late on Thursday night between Adriaan Vlok, the law and order minister,

Canadian Indians cut rail links

Ottawa - Canadian Ojibwa Indians have blockaded two main east-west railway lines in their campaign to get the government to act on longstanding native land claims

(John Best writes). A Canadian National line remained blocked for the fifth consecutive day yesterday northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario. A blockade of the Canadian Pacific line 75 miles to the south went into its second day.

The blockades have effectively stopped the move-ment of both goods and passenger trains from Ontario

Hot-air balloon pilot charged

Sydney - Michael Sanby, aged 36, a South African-born balloon pilot, will be charged with the manslaughter of the 13 people who died in the world's worst hot-air balloon

Mr Sanby was flying a hotair balloon which collided with another full of tourists watching a sunrise near Alice Springs on August 13 last year. The collision ripped open the canopy of the other balloon, sending it plunging 2.000ft. killing all on board. (Reuter)

Boy arrested on hacking charge

Farmingdale, New York - A hacker, aged 14, suspected of penetrating a Pentagon computer has been arrested with 12 others on charges of breaking into a computer at a university in Washington state, officials said.

The boy, who was not identified, broke into the computer at the City University of Bellevue in May, according to the senior investigator, Donald Delaney of the New York state police. (AFP)

As the meeting, meant to include representatives of all the parties involved in the violence, including the police, began yesterday, renewed fighting broke out. Earlier yesterday, on a

bridge over the railway line into Johannesburg, seriously outnumbered police confronted hundreds of heavily armed Zulus who marched out of a hostel in Soweto's Jabavu area, apparently intent on attacking houses. The hostel is one of many in which bachelor migrant workers from Natal and the KwaZulu homeland live.

At one point gunmen in a crowd of 500 Zulu workers opened fire with automatic rifles on a crowd in the Zondi district of Soweto, killing at least one man and wounding several other people. Police smothered the confrontation zones in central areas of the township with tear gas to try to prevent fresh clashes on streets where at least 24 people had been killed in two days.

In an impassioned statement, the ANC, the main antiapartheid movement accused sections of the state security services of instigating the fighting and appealed to blacks to work for peace. It said: "Fighting amongst ourselves helps no one, save our enemies. There is mounting is the result of a well coordinated and orchestrated campaign to bring terror and internecine warfare into the diabolic South African military intervention in neigh-

ZULUS and supporters of the and Nelson Mandela, the security services are employing the tactics they used in the countries of southern Africa to bring about insecurity, fear and a willingness to submit to draconian pressures."

Strenuous efforts were being Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, in the peace forum. Mr Mandela and Chief Buthlezi accuse each other of refusing to share a platform. Colonel Steve van Rooyen,

a senior aide to Mr Vlok, said he had told Mr Mandela that an Inkatha representative would have to be appointed to the peace forum. He said Mr Mandela had indicated that he had no objection. Government sources said

there had earlier been "tough talk" between President de Klerk and Mr Mandela about the latter's evident refusal to meet Chief Buthelezi. Newspaper editorials yes-

terday reflected the increasing concern over butchering of innocent people for political spoken editor of the black newspaper, The Sowetan, de-clared in a signed leader: "The chilling thing is that we do not know exactly who is behind the chaos. The rumour about a group of men driving around confusion. We do not know who is behind this mayhem ... We have to drum into the evidence that the violence ... minds of all people that the violence serves nobody's interests, we must get together to stop the killing.

Beeld, an Afrikaans daily, region (of greater Johannes-burg)." Citing what it called Buthelezi were refusing to meet because ANC factions feared talks between them bouring black countries. it would acknowledge the chief said: "Elements of the state's as an important leader.



Young warrior: A teenager, bearing a dustbin-lid shield, brandishes his homema spear yesterday among a band of men roaming Soweto, near Johannesburg

Nyerere hands over power | Refugees rescued and praises one-party rule

founding father and champion national unity." of homespun socialism. has in a peaceful transition of a kind rarely seen in Africa.

Dr Nyerere has passed on the mantle to his hand-picked expected to be elected chairman of the Chama cha Mapinduzi party at a congress here yesterday. Dr Nyerere, aged 68, who

led Tanzania to independence decades. and ruled for 24 years, strongly defended the oneparty state in a keynote address to the opening session of the congress on Thursday. He said: "We should not

feel ashamed to defend our democracy because it was onecarned us a homogeneous who has continued to be seen

as the power behind the

A former schoolmaster who stepped down as leader of the still likes to be called country's sole political party mwalimu, or teacher. Dr Nverere argues that without his ujamaa brand of African village socialism, Tanzania would not have achieved successor Ali Hassan Mwinyi, stability. But the ideals of who took over as Tanzania's small-scale communalism he president from Dr Nyerere symbolised have been underfive years ago. Mr Mwinyi was mined by his failure to build a Tanzania, he says, should be prosperous Tanzania. country is still suffering from poverty despite being one of the biggest recipients of Western aid in the past three

Mr Mwinyi has moved steadily towards a market economy, and his limited success in putting some consumer goods back on the once bare shelves of Tanzania's shops has made him popular. But his leadership has been party democracy that has overshadowed by Dr Nyerere,

Dr Nyerere has criticized Mr Mwinyi's moves as unplanned retreats from socialism, though in his farewell speech he admitted that some mistakes made under his presidency were now being corrected by Mr Mwinyi.

Dr Nverere remains unbending, his ideology intact. judged not by the one-sided standards of economic performance applied by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, but by its progress in education and health. Tanzania has one of the highest literacy rates in Africa and its infant mortality

rate has fallen dramatically. He dismisses any suggestion that Tanzania has brought its economic ills on itself, arguing that African countries are penalized by artificially low prices for commodities such

He is impatient with Western demands for democracy. He urged the party, under its new leadership, to resist such pressure without shame. He said that multiparty democ-racy was alien to Africa and so bound to fail.

Dr Nyerere has remained than a revolutionary.

from Monrovia

copters ferried about 360 refugees, mostly Indians, fleeing the fighting in Liberia to the neighbouring West African state of Sierra Leone yesterday. A total of 345 Indians, mostly businessmen and their families, and a handful of Sri Lankans and other nationals were airlifted from the American embassy compound in in Liberia producing furniture Monrovia on Thursday to and car batteries, said he was

One ship, the USS Ponce, resort suburb of Aberdeen.

airlift would continue over the weekend to evacuate about 400 Lebanese nationals from Monrovia to Freetown. G. S. Gili, India's honorary

consul in Liberia, who accompanied the refugees, said they learnt only on Wednesday that they would be brought out of Monrovia. "People were ex-

are fighting the army of Presi-dent Doe for control of the capital, was extremely tense. He said the mainstream rebel movement of Charles Taylor was attacking President Doe's forces in the east near the Spriggs Payne airfield. It had also opened a front against the breakaway rebel movement of Prince Johnson in northern Monrovia. Mr Taylor's National Patriotic Front of Li-

Mr Johnson's control. Mr Gill said 52 Indians who had sought evacuation were. still trapped by fighting in the eastern suburbs. One Indian businessman was shot dead by Mr Johnson's fighters on Au-

gust 7, he said. One of the Indians, Rajan Dhalimal, who owns factories trapped in his house in no man's land between the forces of President Doe and Mr Johnson for two weeks.

He said discipline was growing weaker in Mr Johnson's ranks. "They were all right. But now they are getting a bit hostile, wanting money and taking things from people," he A West African peacekeep-

ing force is waiting in Free-town for orders to move into Liberia to halt fighting in the eight-month-old civil war. General Arnold Quainoo, its expected back from Gambia yesterday. He went to Banjul in The Gambia on Wednesday for talks with President Sir Dawda Jawara, chairman of the Economic Community of West African States under whose auspices the six-nation

force has been formed. African diplomats said that General Quainoo also had hoped to meet Mr Taylor in The Gambia to gain his agreement for the force's deployment. But Mr Taylor, who has consistently opposed

From Christopher Thomas IN ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN'S right-wing parties rallied tens of thousands of people yesterday to commemorate the second anniversary of the death of General Zia the military dictator, whose legacy is keenly felt as the country struggles to save its threatened democracy.

At precisely 3.51 pm, the time when Zia's plane mysteriously crashed, prayers ech-oed across the Murree Hills of Islamabad from loudspeakers crected over a vast area around Faisal mosque. Zia's son, Ijaz ul-Haq, aged 38, who has just entered politics and will run for the national assembly in the next election, rode through the crowds on a lorry, waving toyally to thunderous cheers.

But the turnout was smaller than last year's commemoration, suggesting that memories of the former leader are not as affectionate now that military rule has come perilously close again. However, thousands of posters of Zia have appeared along the main boulevards here, some declaring: "God, give us another Zia." The biggest attraction of the

Zia era, judging by the com-ments of Pakistanis who turned out yesterday, is that he provided stability and order. An orderly dictatorship, many said, was pref-crable to chaotic democracy.

The change in the political tide has brought a re-adjustment in the opinion pages of the government-run Pakistan Times, which a formight ago was firmly on the side of Benazir Bhutto, the dismissed prime minister. Yesterday's cading article sounded a new tune, reflecting the importance of the army in the interim government. With Zia's death, it said, "the country lost a great national-

ist, a true patriot and a devoted servant of Islam. His period of martial law was as benign as any democracy." It urged the caretaker government to resolve the mystery of

The threatened return of "Ziaism" is being blamed by India for new tensions with Pakistan over Kashmir. The removal of the Bhutto government has led to a hardening of policy, with senior officers rguing that the Pakistan military cannot be seen to disengage from the Kashmir border under the threat of intimidation by India's huge

India has said it is prepared to withdraw some troops if Islamabad announces its opposition to the campaign of violence in the Kashmir valey. Such a statement would be politically damaging to any Pakistani government, and

the interim administration is unlikely to comply. India has also privately proposed that Pakistan stop publicly "inciting violence and communal passions" and that it hands over Kashmiri militants sheltering in Pakistan. ● DELHI: Indian border

guards shot dead 12 Muslim separatists after they crossed over from neighboring Pakistan into Kashmir, Indian news agencies said yesterday. United News and Press Trust of India said the separatists died in a clash with the guards at Kupwara border area on Thursday. They said border guards challenged 13 "Pakistan-trained militants" when they crossed the frontier.
"When the forces returned

the fire, 12 militants were

Pakistan | Shuttle right mission to repair return to Hubble Zia era | telescope

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Hubble space telescope, a \$1.5 billion (£800 million) embarrassment to Nasa, the US space agency, because it is unable to produce crisp images of stars, can be put right by replacing its camera in

After two days of bearings at Hughes Danbury Optical Systerns, which took over the company last year that made the faulty mirrors, Nasa officials on the investigative board said that a space shuttle mission scheduled for mid-1993 would be able to replace the wide-field planetary camera on the telescope with a new one designed to correct the errors.

"The Hubble could actually be better than it could be now," said Charles Pellerin, director of astrophysics for Nasa. The camera was going to be replaced because of the wear and tear suffered by equipment in space. The replacement camera, which is being made, will be manu-factured with an inbuilt error of its own which will cancel out the error in the murror.

A misplaced washer in the null corrector, an instrument used for checking the shape of the Hubble's primary mirror during grinding, is being incause of the expensive mistake. The error, huge by the standards of astronomical instruments, is consistent with one mirror in the null corrector being displaced by 1.3 millimetres, exactly the same thickness as the washer.

A second null corrector used to test the mirror did show up the error, but it was a less precise instrument and its results were ignored. The manufacturers, Perkin-Elmer (taken over by Hughes Danbury), did not tell Nasa about the results and placed their faith in the more precise instrument that suggested all was well. As a result they made a mirror that is the wrong shape. This is why Nasa officials hope that a simple modification to the camera will correct the error, at least for the Hubble's principal system, the wide-field camera.

A similar mistake was made in the construction of the European Southern Observatory's intest telescope, installed last year high in the Chilean Andes. A serious fault in the shape of the primary faulty placing of a lens in the null corrector used to polish the mirror at the Carl Zeiss works in West Germany. But the error could be corrected by slightly altering the shape of the mirror using the series of supports upon which it rests. The same cannot be done for the Hubble without the risk of destroying its symmetry.

Nasa's plans will not correct the faint-object camera, built by the European Space Agency (ESA), whose performance is also reduced by the faults in the primary mirror. One of the camera's missions, looking for planets around stars, cannot be carried out. A new faintobject camera would cost ESA about \$100 million, which it cannot afford.

"ESA built a beautiful instrument which is now compromised through no fault of it own," Dr Michael Penston of the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge said yesterday. He believes the best chance of putting it right is to design a lens or mirror which could be taken up by the shuttle, perkilled on the spot," United haps during the 1993 mission, and placed in front of the separatist was arrested. (AP)

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sailed north overnight, anchored off Freetown in Sierra Leone and began taking the refugees to a heliport in the American officials said the

tremely happy."

Mr Gill said Monrovia,
where two rival rebel factions

remarkably free from any taint of corruption in a continent whose rulers are renowned for their fat Swiss bank accounts and luxurious lifestyles. A devout Catholic, he has remained a humble if somewhat self-righteous idealist who is more of a reformist

beria was fighting Mr John-foreign intervention in the son's forces at Duala, about conflict, failed to arrive.

FREETOWN NOTEBOOK by Philip Jacobson

Flying in for an African study in Greene

month ago, the only heli-copter to be found in Sierra Leone was an ancient machine which had crashed once too often and was abandoned by the roadside. But the civil war in neighbouring Liberia has brought Frectowners the regular spectacle of bulky green US Sea Stallions clattering over the bay, carrying refugees from that savage conflict to a landing pad near the beach.

An enthralled crowd always gathers to watch the helicopters arrive. forgetting to turn away as the rotor blades envelop spectactors in a cloud of dust. As a rainy-season attraction, it takes some beating, especially when the crewmen scamper around securing the machines: firm favourite of the locals is a squat loadmaster, surely the US Navy's smallest sailor on the ocean wave. who has a nice sense of occasion and has been known to ham it up for the

The antics of the foreign journalists here to report on the formation of a West African peacekeeping force have also provided entertainment as we struggle to overcome the sapping climate, testing communications and the laidback pace of life. A woman from Spanish

television displayed spectacular stayed in what was then the smartest Latin ire when the line went down place in town during his intelligence for the umpteenth time the other day to a particularly appreciative audience. For a moment, they seemed inclined to applaud, but good manners prevailed.



he search for something more rewarding than the latest nuance on the peacekeeping front eventually brings most of us to the City hotel and the Graham Greene connection. The writer had

service in the second world war and subsequently included a fond recollection in The Heart of the Matter in and around the Freetown that is still recognisable today.

The mangy descendants of the dog

that is gnawing at something un-pleasant when the story opened still roam the decaying neighbourhood around the city, and the elderly son of the proprietor whom Greene wrote into the novel still presides over the dank and peeling premises. A shrivelled man with skin as pale as parchment, he was sipping a glass of Guinness and milk when we arrived, to his evident displeasure. "No room, no tourists," he whispered, ignoring our questions about Greene and Stobie, the book's central figure, a cynical customs officer consumer with self-disgust and gradually wearying of life.

As we left, a pleasant young black man asked why visitors would occasionally come to look over the hotel, sometimes with paperback in hand. He had never heard of Graham Greene and clearly found it hard to believe that the crumbling colonial building behind him had acquired international literary fame.

denly immersed by youngsters, chanting, swaying and standing as they escorted their local football team to an important cup match. Even by African standards, Sierra Leone is soccer-crazy. The national squad is not quite a power on the continent, but fans cheerfully adopted the Cameroons as heroes because of their World Cup exploits.

The knowledge of British teams is most impressive, though it took some time to understand why the fortunes of lowly Blackpool could excite such interest. The sports pages provided the answer, a team called Mighty Blackpool is near the top of the local league. A long-forgotten engineer from Lancashire formed him. formed his own team here and gave it the name of his favourite club.

Alas, Sierra Leone is no stranger to football hooliganism. The independent weekly Progress recently published a list of clubs punished for transgression, included in which was the unruly conduct of Mighty Blackpool supporters towards a referee after their match against Kambui Eagles". In another game, "all hell broke loose" after some debatable officiating, and the referee was lucky to escape.

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Transylvania threatened by spectre of ethnic hatred

From Tim Judah in miercurea-ciuc

THOUSANDS of Romanians One pensioner said: "I have are being forced to flee their been here for 36 years. Under homes in Transylvania, ac-cording to local politicians. and Hungarians in Harghita

Joing to local pointicians. and Hungarians in Haighita Ioan Oancea, a member of were like brothers. After the parliament for the ruling Nat-revolution, this so-called ional Salvation Front, says democracy made us enemies. that his constituents have The first thing they did after been threatened by activists the fall of Ceausescu was to fly from the local ethnic Hungarian flag right here ian majority and that others are losing their jobs because of new discriminatory work practices designed to rid the area of Romanians. These allegations are being firmly rejected by local Hungarian

The population of the Transylvanian county of Harghita is more than 80 per cent Hungarian. In the May elections, the area returned only one non-Hungarian, Mr Oancea, out of a total of eight MPs and senators. He says that Romanians are now a "threatened minority in Harghita and also in Covasna, the

neighbouring county.
None of the ordinary Romanians interviewed wanted their names to be published.

Rush to join the legion

From AFP IN MARSEILLES

EAST Europeans have been flocking to join the French Foreign Legion since their borders opened, a senior officer said. "Hungarians, Poles, Czechoslovaks, Romanians and Bulgarians now make up a quarter of our recruits," Colonel Gerard de Lajudie, the legion's deputy commander, said. A year ago there were

hardly any. Each month more than 30 of the 120 men who enlist for five years come from Eastern Europe with the exception of Albania and East Germany. Four candidates on average

apply for each acceptance. Typically the East Europeans are in their early twenties, have served in the armed forces of their own impoverished countries, and have left in search of a better life in the West which has eluded them. For most of them, gion offered the last chance. 'if they don't get in, they'll have to go home."

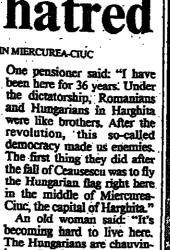
Entry tests are offered in the native languages of prospective recruits. If they pass they are sent to Castelnaudary in southern France to be taught French and undergo basic training. Afterwards they are incorporated into one of the legion's engineering or combat

Since its creation in 1831 the legion has swelled its ranks in times of trouble. In the 1920s, Russians fleeing communism signed up in droves. In the 1930s it was loyalist Spaniards who hoped, in vain, that the legion would fight Franco's insurrection. After the second world war Germans provided half the recruits. There was a brief influx of Hungarians in 1956.

About 80 per cent of all recruits give family or personal problems as their reason for joining. Under the legion's peculiar rules, it must be able to check candidates' criminal records: anyone wanted by Interpol is excluded. Those suspected of crimes but not convicted are accepted. Es-

caped convicts are not.

If the recruit so chooses, the legion will give him a new name and protect his identity but, legally, during his stay in the legion, he becomes a non-person, denied the right to open a bank account, marry,



The Hungarians are chauvinists and nationalists, and their extremists follow orders from Budapest. Our people are being chased away." A dejected Romanian Orthodox priest said: "The archbishop of Harghita was threatened and left. Other priests have also gone under

similar circumstances. Some because they were involved with the nationalist organisation, Vatra Romaneasca."
Many educated and professional Romanians are leav-

ing Harghita. Of 740 Romanian teachers, 330 have already left. The reorganisation of most local factories means that many Romanian man-

agers have lost their jobs.
Hungarians say that what is happening in education and industry is only the natural redressing of the balance, since before the revolution Romanians were given all the best jobs. Benedek Nagy, an MP of the Hungarian Democratic Union of Romania "Ceausescu's policy of 'homogenisation' in the country meant sending Romanian teachers here and Hungarians elsewhere. Now that our Hungarian schools are coming back we simply don't need a lot of teachers who can't speak

our language. Besides, most of them are happy to go home." One language teacher from Bucharest said she had wanted to stay in Harghita, but had been told that if she did not resign she would be sacked "sooner or later". She could not speak Hungarian, the language of the majority of her pupils, but this was "not a disadvantage". She added: "In the past few months, the Hungarians began to treat me and other Romanian teachers

like plague carriers." Stories of threats and job discrimination are rejected by Mr Nagy. He said that he would intervene if he ever heard that it was going on. He claimed that local Romanians were influenced and frightened by the extremist Vatra Romaneasca, widely consid-

ered a "neo-fascist" organisation. Mr Oancea is a member of this group. Mr Nagy said: "Vatra specialises in dividing people and in creating diversions."

He suggested that the organisation might have been behind an attack on a local police station in June, ostensibly by a mob infuriated by a bilingual "police" sign which had re-placed one in Romanian only. Stefan Danciu is the local president of Vatra Roman-easca. He said: "The reason Hungarians get so excited

about our organisation is simple. We've thwarted their plans for the autonomy of Transylvania and, worse, their idea of reincorporating it back into Hungary. He claimed local Hungarians had im-ported weapons so that "they can create incidents to focus the world's attention on Transylvania". He said he had no evidence to support this claim but had heard it from "senior military officers".

Mr Nagy said the fears that

Hungary wanted to recover Transylvania were absurd.

Talking about Hungarian fears he said: "Since the interethnic violence in Tirgu Mu-



to discuss oil aid for Eastern bloc

From Michael Binyon IN BRUSSELS

AN URGENT rescue package is being considered by the European Commission to help East European countries facing economic catastrophe as a result of the boycott of Iraqi oil supplies.

Most East European nations, already badly hit by higher hard-currency prices for Soviet oil, will have to spend billions

of dollars more on alternative supplies. A Nato economic committee estimated this week that Bulgaria, one of the worsthit countries, will have to spend the equivalent of its entire export earnings to buy oil on the open market next year.

The Gulf confrontation particularly affects Eastern Europe because its struggling economies depended heavily on barter trade with Iraq. Most countries have run up nuge credit surpluses with deliveries of Iraqi oil, a vital alternative to the dwindling Soviet supplies.

The sudden halt in shipments may force their economies into bankruptcy and is likely to set back the introduction of free-market reforms. This would be a blow to the EC's efforts to encourage economic and political change. The commission is scheduled to meet on

Moscow and Bonn hopeful on unity deal

By MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

said in Moscow yesterday that they hoped a formal agreement on German reunification could be approved at the next "two plus four" meeting in the Soviet capital on September 12. The ministers said that some problems remained, but they were of practice rather than principle. In East Berlin, however, the collapse of the government developed into open war yes-terday with the Social Democrats, key members of the coalition, threatening to block a vital reunification treaty in revenge for the sacking of two

of their ministers. Wolfgang Thierse, the Social Democrat leader, pro-nouncing the coalition dead, said the party would vote against the treaty, on political and legal aspects of reunification, in its present form. "If the treaty is not significantly improved, we will have no choice but to turn it down," he said in a television interview. The political developments

in East Germany were apparently discounted in Moscow, however. Mr Shevardnadze said that once agreement on reunification was reached it would be signed by the West and East German leaders and then submitted to the united German parliament for ratification, at which point it would come into force.

Herr Genscher said that the transitional time between signing and ratification should be short, but that there still had to be agreement on the from Herr Thierse, the role of the four powers during the transitional period. He said it was likely that their unification will push the momandate would expire at the tions through on time.

EDUARD Shevardnadze, the moment the agreement on Soviet foreign minister, and reunification came into force. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his That would also mark the West German counterpart, point at which a united Germany became a sovereign state. One possibility, he said, was that the authority of the four powers would be suspended, but not ended, during the transition.

Mr Shevardnadze said that Moscow and West Germany were already discussing the form their relations should take after reunification. He said that the prospects were open "for a major political treaty" to govern their relations; for a treaty on economic, trade, scientific and technical and cultural rela-tions; and for a third agreement which would specify the status and withdrawal timetable for Soviet troops sta-

tioned in East Germany. Herr Genscher added that co-operation between a united Germany and Moscow was likely to amount to more than the sum of their component parts - the present co-opera-

The Social Democrats' parliamentary caucus is to meet in East Berlin tomorrow and looks set to accept the leadership's recommendation to

leave the coalition. Lothar de Maizière, the Christian Democrat prime Democrats to achieve the twothirds parliamentary majority required to approve both the reunification treaty and East Berlin's accession to Bonn.

Herr de Maizière has now to hope that, despite the threats commitment of the Social Democrats to speedy re-

Spanish bombs injure 20

Madrid — A car bomb wrecked a Spanish police station in the northern city of Burgos, injuring 20 people, and a smaller device cut a rail line near the central city of Avila (Harry Debelius writes). Basque extremists were suspected in both cases.

Only two police officers were in the station at the time

Ransom call

Rashayah, Lebanon - Gunmen kidnapped a Lebanese clared security zone in south Lebanon and demanded a \$2 million (£1.1 million) ransom, security sources said. (Reuter) Accident award

Sydney — An Australian woman who became a quadriplegic after she smashed her spine trying to avoid a surfer in a no-surfing zone off Bondi Beach seven years ago was awarded £1.6 million compensation by the supreme court here. (Reuter)

Court reprieve

Seoul — The Seoul high court acquitted Kang Min Chang, a former head of the South Korean police, of an attempt to conceal the 1987 death by torture of a student. Three other senior officers were acquitted. (Reuter)

Hole sale stock Hong Kong - Vietnamese boat people in a tented camp here have been tunnelling out to buy alcohol and food for resale inside, the camp com-mandant said. (Reuter)

Touch of grey

Copenhagen - A Danish police campaign against shoplifting here netted more pensioners than any other age res last March many of our young and educated people people over the age of 65, are leaving Harghita and the against 81 in the 15 to 25 age group. (Reuter)

France divided by battle for the bear necessities

whole of Transylvania."

but real-life bears are having a more difficult time gaining unanimous public sympathy

for their survival. Just a dozen are left in the Pyrenees, compared with to shrink some seventy in 1957 and The Pyre about two hundred before the er than those in Central member of the French Green second world war. In principle second world war to preserve the bears, but in practice the bears, but in practice the construction of roads and ski construc resorts, and the French love of

shooting, are more important. The dispute is not just between local ecologists and ski developers and hunters. The bears - one whitish brown one seems to come out regularly to be photographed - have touched the hearts of Paris intellectuals, who are now signing petitions. Even Now they have been bought beloved bilberries.

From ALAN TILLIER IN PARIS

the bear." This is just the that Pyrenean shepherds have latest effort to get something radio telephones, considerable done. The Pyrenees national compensation for dead sheep, park, created in 1967 to and supplies sent in by helisafeguard the bear, continues copter. "The fight to save the

bears if they do not wander. The Vallee d'Aspe, the area in the mountains where the read the local press.

FRANCE wept over the bear in the popular film L'Ours, clared: "We must unite to save foundations with the result bear has brought the heli-The Pyrenean bear is small-copter to the valleys," a

> Even the official forest comgrizzly. Many have been shot mission says it will limit the for sport. Now the hunting number of tracks and roads clubs say they will spare the only if the bears stay within a certain area. For the bears' sakes, it is hoped that they

> remaining bears live, is In this alloted area, car-staggeringly beautiful and casses of beef are being hung largely unspoiled. But the from trees to indicate that this bears face many dangers. is where the bears must stay. In this alloted area, car-Shepherds used to put down But bears will be bears, and



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Rome's rigid patriarchy

Clifford Longley

he largest organisation in the world, the Roman Catholic Church, claims to have 890 million members, 18 per cent of the world population. It has a full-time manpower (and womanpower) of 1.7 million. It has one pope, 4.126 bishops, 402,000 priests, 893,000 nuns and 400,000 others. That is a lot of each kind (except popes). It is also a lot of power for good or evil.

The priests are the backbone of this extraordinary body. How they fare will determine the future of the whole. Much has been said and written in the last ten years about a crisis of identity and numbers in the Catholic priest-hood, but the latest official statistics do not altogether confirm this impression. The number of priests dropped by 4 per cent during the decade, but ordinations increased every year. In Europe the vocation rate - the number of candidates for priestly training per million Catholics - rose from 85 to 105, equalling the rate in North America (where it dropped from 165). But North America still has the highest proportion of priests per head of Catholic population. Despite these apparently heal-

thy figures, a priestly identity crisis is officially admitted, and the Vatican has called a special conference of world Catholic leaders this autumn to address it. The concern is primarily with quality and function. In every country, it seems, there is some uncertainty about what a priest is for, and how he ought to go about doing what he is for. In Western Europe, this questioning has become acute. If the church is not careful, Catholicism in Europe will follow the pattern of Anglicanism in England, with 20 per cent church attendance dropping to 5 or 3 or 2 per cent. French Catholicism is already well on the way.

In an increasingly literate and educated world, a priest is likely to spend much of his time among his intellectual equals, many of whom will be fellow professionals. There is a characteristic movement in virtually all societies to recognise authority and grant respect only where it is earned by performance rather than status, which presents a particular difficulty for a priest. His identity still largely comes from what he is rather than what he does.

What he is will mean nothing much in increasingly urban and secular societies. As the world becomes more democratic, the idea of a divinely ordained hierarchy, of which a priest is a member, may seem inimical to the democratic ideal of equal rights and universal participation in the exercise of government. Even in the church itself responsibility is moving towards the laity, who are having to learn that they possess a certain kind of priesthood of their own - much to the puzzlement of those who thought they had a monopoly of it.

These accelerating trends are mystifying and demoralising to the older clergy, while the younger ones may embrace them too uncritically. Both reactions are likely to be distorting, and 400,000 misdirected personalities occupying leadership positions among 890 million people is bad news for almost everybody.

If the preparatory papers are any guide, this autumn's synod of bishops will set out to find the narrow middle way between these two destructive tendencies, neither embracing change unconditionally nor rejecting it out of hand, so achieving an idealised "identity" for the modern priest-hood which avoids all the traps. But because the institution is so vast and disparate, Roman Catholicism tends to be suffocated by meaningless generalisations.
Not much can usefully be said that applies equally to 400,000 people of some 150 nationalities aged between 25 and 90. Even less that can be said now will still be true in

Despite all the complaints about overcentralisation in this enormous church, the Vatican is fighting a rearguard action to retain control. There is no databank in the Vatican with 400,000 names on it, let alone the 1.7 million total. The staff of the Roman curia, the church civil service, can just about keep half an eye on the 4,000 bishops.
So order is kept in the church

not by the Vatican but by canon law, the universal regulations, locally enforced, that apply to every priest. These are the rules which make the priestly body a disciplined body; they impose on the priesthood its shape and pattern. They create stability and cohesion. They also inhibit adaptation as conditions change, and this leads inevitably to an identity crisis when the failure to adapt passes a critical point.

This crisis will be greatest in those societies that have changed most, for it is there that the model of the priesthood enshrined by these rules is most out of place. Canon law is static, and even the latest version describes the priesthood as it was ideally imagined to be 30 years ago. It is based on the picturebook rural dream of the priest as father of his flock, but such a patriarchal ideal is no longer appropriate.

The church needs more flexibility, to allow experimental patterns of ministry to emerge: worker priests, part-time priests, married priests, even female priests if the theologians can agree. What canon law imposes, above all, is the rigid idea of the priesthood, a caste or class embodied in the notion of a clergyman. This is at the root of the identity crisis of the Catholic priesthood. Yet it need not be so: nowhere in the Bible is it laid down that priests have to be full-time, celibate, professional

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s we all know, some things just don't work. The Advanced Passenger Train didn't; the Sinclair C5 didn't, really; and there are as many cures for baldness as there are disappointed dupes. But these failures rapidly become history. People get wise, and the product is withdrawn.

More intriguing are the failures we carry on with Bravely. Alan Coren has raised the issue of automated bath-plugs: systems of chrome levers integrated into de luxe bathroom suites. At the yank of the handle they are supposed to cause steel plugs to rise or fail mysteriously in baths and basins. They don't really work; but still we install them because the idea has got about that a rubber plug is somehow "common".

"They don't really work." Of how many familiar devices, part of everyday life, can this despairing cry be heard?

Supermarket trolleys with minds of their own, which drag you, panic-stricken and wrestling with the controls, on a collision course with the pile of Israeli melons on special offer...how can we send men to the moon yet fail to find a way of push-steering a trolley?

Modern shoelaces, no longer made of cotton, which no longer stay tied up... how many small curses rise heavenward daily from people trying to re-tie that knot from a squatting posture on a busy pavement? Canteen-issue plastic tea-stir-

ing wands which don't stir, UHT milk which squirts up your shirt as you puncture the foil top of the plastic mini-tub, cream-cracker packs wrapped in mega-strength cellophane which cannot be opened without reducing the biscuits to rubble ... Azargh!

And why do crayons always break? Millions grow up with feelings of personal inadequacy, unaware that other kids couldn't handle these things either. Why do the devices provided to hold up the toilet seat as the train sways always drop the seat at precisely the awful moment? Why do BR's revolting rubber foot-operated basin-tap switches cause the flow to dry to a trickle just as you've soaped your hands? Why do those time-delayed hand-push taps force you to

soap your left hand individually, while your right hand holds the thing down? In desperation, your soaped hand strays to the handle and the handle then pollutes your rinsed hand. Then the hot-air handdryer doesn't work, and you wipe your unrinsed hand on your trousers and run screaming from the loo.

If a sum total were to be made of all the human misery arising from all the failed, armwrenched, finger-mashed attempts to start portable engines with pull-cords, I believe it would exceed the misery caused by the Spanish Inquisition. Let's face it: the two-stroke internal combustion was a good idea; but it doesn't really work,

And, in this mood of engineering humility, could we have an amnesty on moving travolators? They usually don't. And electric shavers? They sort of do, but only sort of. And popup toasters? Down through the age of the pop-up toaster, what is the ratio of toast satisfactorily toasted to toast charred beyond recognition? And is there any-one at all who has actually succeeded in getting a bar of chocolate from a station plat-form chocolate dispenser?

Isn't it time, too, that somebody admitted that in-flight music headphones don't really work unless you cup your hands to your ears and apply constant pressure? Is it too late to come to terms with the failure of perforations on sheets of stamps to tear with an acceptable fatality rate? Who has not ripped a cheque from a chequebook with a flourish, only to have our bravado backfire?

It is time to march. The ranks of those permanently disabled from an encounter with a mouse-trap-sprung letter-box, swelled by millions who have tangled their last with coiled cables attaching handsets to telephones, and joined, now, by every wretched soul who has snaggled the bathplug-chain, abandoned hope of getting the curtains open with the pulleyoperated curtain-pull, and finally spilled the milk all down his trousers while trying to pour from a Tetra-pack carton opened in rage by Caesarean section ... All join me in one despairing cry: "It doesn't really

Rosemary Righter says the UN has the power to enforce sanctions and should shut up shop if it fails

When saying boo is not enough

Cince it moved with un-characteristic speed to condemn Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and to impose legally binding sanctions, the United Nations has appeared becalmed, Seemingly oblivious to the rising demands for UN action, the secretary-general has left New York on a long-planned tour of Latin America, while the Security Council has not met formally for nine days. There are two interpretations of the UN's silence.

The first is that for the time being the UN has done all that is needed. The Security Council has called on Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait unconditionally, and has imposed sanctions prohibiting trade with the aggressor. These are for individual states to observe, and the international community's job is simply to monitor compliance. To move to a UN blockade would inflame the situation unnecessarily.

The second is that the US and Britain have literally jumped the gun by deciding to use naval force if necessary to ensure compliance with the UN's resolution. Where there was unity, they have created division, so reducing the chances of UN endorsement of military action. The UN, according to this view, is silent because it can

no longer speak with one voice. Neither explanation is satisfac-tory. Resolution 661, passed on August 6, cannot be fully effective unless backed by military force. If it is working so far, this is because the US and Britain have acted. To pretend otherwise is hypocrisy. Most members of the Security Council are privately grateful to the Anglo-American initiative for letting them off the hook.

After agreeing to impose sanctions, the five permanent members ought to have begun work on winning UN approval for military enforcement, but so far not one of them has even put forward a draft

The American and British contention that Security Council action is not needed may be legally defensible, but it is politically inadequate. Neither can allow suspicion to mount, particularly in the Arab world, that they wish to preserve their freedom to act unilaterally. The British and American decisions to use a Kuwaiti request for help as their basis for naval action would not have been necessary had the UN acted with due dispatch.

London and Washington probably think that the Security Council would take too long to decide, and would authorise only feeble

action; and they have history on their side. Yet none of the familiar arguments against decisive UN action apply. The conflict has no domestic dimension; Knwait is an undeniably peace-loving state, and the cold war is over. If the UN is not at the forefront of efforts to force Saddam's retreat, the Security Council may as well shut up shop. Speed is of the essence.

The surest indication that Saddam at least now believes the UN to be marginal is his refusal even to allow a United Nations emissary to visit Baghdad to discuss his illegal detention of foreign nationals in Iraq and Kuwait. An informal Security Council session on this question was convened yesterday at Britain's request, but diplomats now admit that the UN is powerless to do more than express its outrage. Blame has been misdirected.

pressions of disapproval of American and British action, the secretary-general should return to New York to throw his authority To organise action under Article could be awkward and time-

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behind multilateral enforcemen 42, which authorises military operations by members of the UN,

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been used, and even now unanimity might be difficult to obtain - if only because the idea of the UN making war on war has not been seriously contemplated since 1950, over Korea. A formal blockade under Article 42 would be cumbersome to put in place, but there is a better solution. The UN could follow the precedent of the action to enforce sauctions against Rhodesia, when the British Beira patrol operated as an independent force with Security Council

The UN need only decide that to be fully effective Resolution 661 requires military backing. It can request governments with naval vessels in the area, or ready to supply them, to intercept and turn back sanctions-busting shipping. The only question then would be the secondary one of how to coordinate the operations of navies under national control. The ideal would be an informal co-ordinating mechanism, linked to the UN itself and keeping the Security Council informed.

Three of the five permanent members - the US, Britain and forward proposals for reactivating the Military Staff Committee (MSC). Created under the Charter,

operational hub of Roosevelt's design for global policing. Composed of the chiefs of staff of the big five", the committee was to command forces put at the UN's disposal, inviting other countries to participate where relevant. Since 1948, the MSC has been moribund, but like much else at the UN that has no function, it has gone on meeting regularly, albeit at junior level. So in embryo at least there is a ready-made command centre. Nor does resort to the MSC require forces to be placed under UN flags and command to which the Americans would be likely to object.

These negotiations are proceeding at a ridiculously gentlemanly pace. The big five should put them into top gear. Instead of peering reluciantly at Article 42, they should draw up an "enabling" resolution under Article 41. The secretary-general has power to summon the five to ask for such action, but since Dag Hammarskiold's day, UN secretaries-general have shunned this power. If the UN persists in the fiction that it is no more than the sum of its member states, the world may be plunged into full-scale combat, and the UN's pretensions to collective security will slide into deserved oblivion.

Socialist who thought the party could justify any means

Half a century after Leon Trotsky's death, Stephen Jones finds little in

his record to suggest that he would

have been less autocratic than Stalin

ifty years ago, on August 20, 1940, an agent of the Soviet secret police named Ramon Mereader smashed the skull of Leon Trotsky with an ice-axe. Stalin had finally vanquished the man who could well have succeeded Lenin in 1924, and – according to many on the left today – could then have led the world's first proletarian state to a non-totalitarian and genuinely socialist conclusion.

Is there any basis for this view, and would a Trotskyist state have avoided the current economic and political bankruptcy of socialism? Historians may justifiably argue that such questions are anachron-istic, pointless, and imponderable. Who can possibly know how Trotsky would have reacted had he been in power rather than in the more intellectually comfortable position of revolutionary opposition? Yet we can ponder Trots-

Trotsky was many things to many people. Churchill described him as having "the organising command of a Carnot, the cold detached intelligence of a Machiavelli, the mob oratory of a Cleon, the ferocity of Jack the Ripper, the toughness of Titus Oates". His admirers, such as Max Eastman, referred to his "magnanimity", "childlike charm" and "self-discipline". Most of his fellow Bolsheviks saw him either as a potential Bonaparte or as an impractical Utopian, tilting at revolutionary windmills long after the social revolution was exhausted. Lenin, in one of his last writings, characterised Trotsky as a man of "outstanding ability" but warned of his "excessive self-

assurance" and preoccupation with "the purely administrative side of work". Trotsky's actions as the Bolshevik commissar of war, and his writings throughout his career, deformation, he believed that as a Soviet power.

show a consistent and dogmatic belief in class dictatorship, to be achieved and maintained, if necessary, through "the barrel of a gun". Like Stalin, he accepted that a revolutionary class would "suppress, rifle in hand, all attempts to tear power out of its hands". Democracy, civil rights, freedom of the press, equality before the law, the "sacredness of human life" - all these were subservient to the defence of the revolution.

While in power Trotsky fought the autonomy of trade unions, advocated compulsory labour service, supported the suppression of former socialist allies such as the Mensheviks, condemned oppositional activity within the party, and supervised the brutal crushing in March 1921 of the former heroes of the revolution, the sailors of Kronstadt, who were demanding an end to the eme communist police state. Like Stalin, he shared the belief in the political supremacy of the Communist party. "One cannot be right against the party," he declared in 1924, "for history has not created other ways for the realisation of what is right." suggestion that Trotsky took such authoritarian positions because of Soviet weakness during the civil war is unconvincing.

It is unconvincing because he

never questioned the correctness of Bolshevik omnipotence under Lenin or the dictatorship of the proletariat as a superior principle to democracy based on the rule of law. Morality could not be considered separately from the interests of the revolution and the laws of history, and any means that contributed to the unity of the revolutionary proletariat were obligatory for all revolutionaries.

So despite his attacks on the Soviet Union as a Stalinist

workers' state it had to be defended unconditionally against imperialist attack. Like Štalin, Trotsky saw no essential difference between social democrats and capitalists, or between Western imperialism and fascism; all were enemies of socialism. There was no principled basis for differentiating between them, only tactical considerations. Nor was Trotsky averse to the export of revolution by Soviet arms, and it is likely that had he lived, he would have been forced by his own revolutionary logic to support the expropriation of the bourgeoisie in Eastern Europe by

Domestically, too, Trotsky may have disagreed with Stalin's methods of class war in the countryside. his oppression of the nationalities, and his ruthless attack on working-class living standards to achieve industrialisation, but he never doubted the correctness of the repression of the kulaks (rich peasants) or of "nationalists" seeking independence from the Soviet Union. He saw central planning and central direction of the economy as an essential principle of socialism. In short, he shared many of the ideological premises that motivated Stalin. When in power, he had shown he could be ruthless with class ene-

mies and dismissive of individual rights against the socialist state. Despite his later protestations, democracy would never have been safe in Trotsky's hands.

All this, of course, does not make Trotsky a Stalinist. There was a vast difference between the two men. Trotsky was a committed internationalist, the proponent of "permanent revolution", not a Russian nationalist content like Stalin with "socialism in one country". He was a natural polemicist with broad intellectual tastes who could not have abided the enforced conformity of Stalinist cultural and political life.

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His single-minded commitment to the party - though dangerous - would probably not have permitted the decimation that occurred under Stalin. Trotsky would not have seen the necessity either for the purges that swept millions of workers and poor peasants, as well as intellectuals, into the gulag. And probably - although we only have Troisky's word on this - he would not have used such brutal methods to collectivise the land and smash the working class.

n common with Stalin, Trotsky had the marxist faith in a centralised planned economy. Trotsky would have had no compunction about introducing censorship, repressing opposition, banning strikes, exploiting the peasants and workers (for their ultimate good) and dealing with imperialist powers to promote Soviet interests. He may have permitted greater democracy, but not as an inalienable right. There

were no such things for Trotsky. To some extent, then, we are talking of differences of scale. Had Trotsky succeeded Lenin in 1924 as head of the Soviet government and survived, we would probably not be reading now about the discovery of mass graves of Soviet citizens murdered in the 1930s. Yet Trotsky's vision was authoritarian: a socialist labour state run by a vanguard Communist party. Such a state would probably have left an economic and political legacy similar to that faced by Gorbachev.

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Treasures for Babylon?

A s political and military events in Kuwait unfold, the art world awaits news of the fate of an unmatched collec-tion of Islamic treasures. Assembled by members of the Kuwaiti royal family, it is housed in a new museum on the seafront of Kuwait City. The collection, which includes jewel-encrusted Mogul daggers, rare antique carpets and manuscripts, is estimated to be worth £5 billion. The museum is a total Alad-

din's cave," says London dealer Roy Miles, whose Bruton Street gallery has dealt extensively with the Kuwaitis. "It's the finest collection of Islamic art in the world." Unconfirmed reports have reached Christie's that the museum, which was opened in 1983, has suffered bomb damage. But even if it has escaped unscathed, there are fears that Saddam Hussein's soldiers may have plundered the contents. Art experts fear the only possible protection for the collection may lie in Saddam's professed reverence for Islamic culture. Mr Miles is pessimistic. "I think Saddam will present the daggers and jewels as gifts to his generals. If such things disappear, they will

never be found again." Patricia, Countess Jellicoe, a leading British devotee of Islamic art, is concerned about what could happen to the collection. But she believes some treasures were safely outside Kuwait when Iraq invaded. Some of the 20,000 items in the collection were on loan to the Hermitage in Leningrad. They

were due to go on show sub-sequently in the United States, Canada and France. Others, including some unique Mogul jewels, are believed to be in the county museum in Los Angeles. "It is very good fortune," says the countess. "At least some of the best pieces will be safe." But the rest could be destined for Saddam's new palace in Babylon.

Before the flood

s British Equity rejoices in the decision of its American A counterpart to lift the ban on Jonathan Pryce's Broadway appearance in Miss Saigon, it emerges that the union has been faced with a similar dilemma over a foreign actor.

The actors' union has been asked by Upstart Productions to



aliow a black American to play God in a new West End musical. The Children of Eden. "Originally we wanted God to be black, though not necessarily Ameri-can, says the show's casting director Jane Blackburn. Written

and directed by John Caird, an associate director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the musical is based on the Book of Genesis and follows the story of the creation, Cain and Abel and the Rehearsals begin next month in

preparation for a January opening. But auditions within Equity's membership failed to produce a suitable candidate. "We are now hoping the part will be played by Ken Page, the American musical performer," says Blackburn. Eq-uity's black and Asian committee is looking at the application. And who on the committee is in charge of this inquiry? One Albert Moses.

Lounge wizard

S pare a thought for Iranian-born Alfred Merhan. For two years he has been living in the departure lounge of Charles de Gaulle airport, Paris. He says he is entitled to British citizenship because his mother was Scottish. He exists on food handouts and pocket money from sympathetic airline staff as he sits forlornly at departure gate six awaiting the outcome of his case. Describing himself as a postgraduate re-

searcher, he arrived at the airport claiming to have lost his documents after he failed to enter Britain clandestinely. If his lawyer tries to phone him,

an announcement over the public address system tips him off, and airport authorities have given him his own postbox. Psychiatrist Philippe Bargain, head of the rhimppe Bargain, nead of the airport emergency unit, says: "Airports attract mad people. We get about 100 of these 'pathological voyagers' with no papers every year." But there is no evidence that this voyager is mad. Why should he leave an environment where he is stabilised?" asks Dr Bargain. Why indeed?

Clothes conscious

while the BBC's deputy director-general John Birt has not personally dispatched a chemical warfare suit to Kate Adie in the Gulf, the corporation confirms that measures are in hand to protect her. "Kate is in Jordan and not in any immediate danger," says a spokesman at White City, BBC's television headquarters, "but we are making arrangements to get some suits for Kate and other members of staff."

At ITN, similar arrangements have been put in train to protect Sandy Gall in the event of poison gas attack. The veteran foreign correspondent and News at Ten presenter is reporting from Amman. "We do have chemical warfare outfits out there," says

Sandy's wife Eleanor is staying

Rough waters

rtist John Ryan continues A to be infuriated by suggestions that the antics of his most famous creation. Captain Pugwash, are spiced with sexual innuendo and veiled obscene names. Even after a Sunday newspaper retracted a story to this effect and apologised, Ryan finds the slurs have persisted elsewhere.

Ryan is at loss to know how the jokes started. He also dismisses the claim that the Pugwash series was taken off television because of doubts over its content. The series ended, innocently, in 1980 after nearly 20 years.

Ryan, who lectures in schools, is keen that Pugwash should not suffer any further damage to his reputation. "I don't want to be remembered as the man who wrote dirty children's books," he

• A careful perusal of Irish Tourist Board brochures failed to alert three American visitors to all the excitements of the Emerald Isle. On a day trip from Fishguard to Rosslare they boarded a train for Dublin. All went smoothly until the engine his 19 stray cows. The Americans had to admire the scenery for three hours while waiting for another train. After hasty sightseeing in the Irish capital, they boarded a train back, which caught fire cutside the read! which caught fire outside the small port of Arklow midway on the return journey. They waited almost an hour for another replace-Sandy's wife Eleanor is staying caim. "As Amman is not exactly a discuss their adventures at Rosswar zone, I am not particularly lare. By the time they got there they had missed the ferry back. ment. They had plenty of time to discuss their adventures at Ross-

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DEMOCRACY EXPECTS

The British prime minister is under no constitutional obligation to secure parliamentary approval for her Gulf mobilisation. She can send troops to fight overseas, form or unform alliances, redirect the nation's foreign affairs without even summoning her cabinet. She is all powerful as long as she retains the Queen's pleasure, pending the expiry of her term of office. But she is still accountable to

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At first glance, the past week has been extraordinary. A navy and air task force of some 1,700 soldiers, sailors and airmen has been sent to the Middle East and put on action stations. The grounds for dispatching them remain more tenuous than is desirable: a United Nations resolution (661) which orders economic sanctions but makes no mention of military enforcement, and bilateral requests for defence assistance from Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, with the last two of which Britain has no treaty obligations. The Saudi request was apparently made in the course of an hour-long private conversation between the Saudi king and Mrs Thatcher.

Since then, the biggest military expedition since the 1982 Falklands campaign has proceeded. The cabinet has not met. The prime minister and most of the relevant cabinet colleagues have been out of London. There has been no war cabinet of senior ministers meeting regularly to review diplomatic or military strategy. The daily emergency committee has been chaired by a junior Foreign Office minister and all decisions are coordinated through Charles Powell, a private secretary in Downing Street. There has been not so much as a whiff of bipartisan consultation, let alone parliamentary debate.

This is the way countries slide into unintended crises. Countless wars start by accident. Initially, Mrs Thatcher could argue that the mobilisation was purely precautionary. Tornado and Jaguar squadrons were being deployed to Saudi Arabia as a deterrent to help a friend. The Armilla patrol in the Gulf was being reinforced in response to increased tension in the area, and to deter breaches in legally-binding United Nations sanctions. So the sending of each additional ship or squadron is a quantitative escalation, not a

This argument cannot hold much longer The link between Britain's presence in the Gulf

and resolutions of the United Nations is becoming ever more thin. The UN has not authorised military action to enforce sanctions. While the squadrons in Saudi Arabia could be seen as a deterrent to hold the status quo, the Royal Navy's rules of engagement are different. It is helping to enforce a blockade of Iraq and is using as authority, not the UN Security Council but the request of a third party, Kuwait, under the collective self-defence provisions of the UN Charter. Britain has no formal treaty with Kuwait to defend (let alone help recapture) its territory. It has no authority from the UN to attack ships on the high seas.

Britain has not acted alone: 17 nations, a respectably large number, have also promised or mobilised forces to counter Iraq's aggression. The British forces are only a small contribution to an international force of some 120,000 troops deployed or now en route. There are good reasons for what Britain is doing in the Gulf, though the risk of escalation is awesome. President Saddam Hussein's aggression cannot be allowed to stand. Effective sanctions, combined with a firm demonstration of international will to use force if absolutely necessary, offer the best hope that neither these nor further British forces will have to see active service. But custom and practice must soon demand that these reasons be presented to the nation other than through Downing Street and Foreign Office briefings.

The bipartisanship that marked the initial stages of this affair is evaporating. Both the Labour and Liberal parties have indicated their concern at Britain going beyond the terms of UN resolution 661. Substantial elements within the Conservative party, and within the armed forces, are worried at troops being drawn into a land war in the Middle East on American coat-tails. These concerns should be aired and answered in public.

Recalling Parliament has about it the edge of crisis. In its present over-whipped state, the House of Commons is unlikely to do more than raise the political temperature without much increase in public enlightenment. But armed conflict is no ordinary government measure. The government's strategy involves lives, huge amounts of public money and great national interests. Democracy demands the cross-examination of those responsible. Parliament is the proper forum for such crossexamination. Parliament should be recalled.

JUDGMENT OF SALMAN

Nobody has claimed that the film International Guerillas is a masterwork with any artistic merit. It is a piece of cheap and silly propaganda. The Video Appeals Committee of the British Board of Film Classification decided yesterday that it should not be banned from distribution, reversing an equally silly decision of the board. The board should now ask itself how it went so astray, so as not to waste its time on such trivia again.

Part of the explanation may be that the film is a sort of reply to The Satanic Verses by Salman Rushdie, and the English artistic and literary world has had trouble feeling firm ground beneath its ideological feet ever since that controversy broke. The novel contained an obscure passage which Muslims, once they were alerted and the passage explained to them, have loudly and violently excoriated as a profane defamation of their Prophet. Mr Rushdie was condemned to death by the late Ayatollah Khomeini for it, and to this day he has had police protection.

Against the censure of Muslims his defenders have pleaded freedom of speech. Mr Rushdie, to give him credit, has declared that the principle applies as much to his enemies as to his own works. He submitted a testimony to the appeals committee to that effect yesterday: that it was right that his book should not be suppressed, and therefore neither should the film. More important, he shot down the only real argument offered by the board for its earlier ban, namely that the film could be a criminal libel on Mr Rushdie. He did not think so, would not take legal action and, if anyone else did, would be prepared to appear for the defence. He also called it "trash".

The film depicts Mr Rushdie, totally implausibly, as a fanatic and drunkard who murders and tortures Muslims, and is eventually struck dead by a divine thunderbolt. This was obviously nothing but a childish

revenge fantasy, yet Scotland Yard, on being asked for an opinion by the classification board, solemnly gave a warning that it could contravene the criminal law as a court might hold that it was a serious libel on Mr Rushdie.

The fact is that any libel can be a criminal libel if a jury thinks it is serious enough. Like obscenity, it is not an objective category at all. There has been only one prosecution for criminal libel in living memory, that brought unsuccessfully by James Goldsmith against the publishers of Private Eye in 1975. The result removed none of our ignorance about this uncharted area of criminal law. Muslims quickly realised how spurious this argument was, and claimed with some reason that a double standard was being applied. The Video Appeals Committee did not take long to see through it yesterday.

Mr Rushdie's decision to assist the publishers of the film in their appeal was a shrewd and honourable one. He saw that Mr Mohammed Fayyaz, owner of the company with British rights to International Guerillas, was resorting to those same principles of freedom of speech which Mr Rushdie has pleaded in his wider battle. As a result Muslims who want International Guerillas shown in Britain and The Satanic Verses banned have driven themselves into a corner.

They protested that it was wrong for the law to prohibit the distribution of their film, while allowing the publication of the book. Why should it be right for the law to prohibit the publication of the book, and yet to allow the showing of the film? Freedom of speech works both ways. Yesterday's case vindicated Mr Rushdie. It will only have undermined his enemies. They must now digest the contradictions of their position. If they do so honestly, yesterday's ruling could help resolve this painful controversy.

ELECTRICAL PERKS

Henry Ford may have said you can have any colour car as long as it is black, but the past week has seen the possibility of a choice much more remarkable. A study published by the Adam Smith Institute by Dr Madsen Pirie, says gloomily: "The average car, in 100 miles of motoring, emits something like five pounds of carbon monoxide, about one pound of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen, plus numerous assorted gases of varying degrees of toxicity... unburnt hydrocarbons can produce ozone pollution ... nitrogen oxides have been blamed not only for smog, but as . . . a contributing factor to several respiratory diseases". It also emits 100 pounds of carbon

We take the point; breathe if you insist, but do so at your own risk. Nor is there hope in catalytic converters, whatever they might be, because they "do nothing for carbon dioxide emission; on the contrary, they make it worse". Moreover, it is obviously useless to take up walking, unless everybody does, because we should all still be breathing the unburnt hydrocarbons and their friends and relations. We could all stay at home for ever, but that is hardly a practical solution. But this is when the Adam Smith Institute, with Dr Pirie in the

van, sees its chance. The electric car, we learn, is not a far-off hope. Rumour holds that this creation exists in France, whence we shall soon be able to buy clean electric Peugeots and Citroens, at no more than 30 per cent over the cost of a dirty petrol one. Nor are plans for the electric car confined to France, the automobile-saturated

United States itself is in the hunt. A prototype by General Motors is soon to enter mass production, though the makers should have thought up a more reassuring name for it than the Impact.

The Adam Smith Institute specialises in matters financial, its raison d'être being to reduce the tax burden, encourage enterprise, promote fiscal rectitude in government and extend privatisation. Its instinct is unerring: "The Treasury in Britain currently subsidizes the possession of company cars . . . the single most dominant element in the car market . . . Urban pollution caused by motor vehicles is thus promoted in part by government itself..." So Dr Pirie strikes up the ASI anthem: "Among the ways of promoting change in behaviour . . . there are exhortation, sticks and carrots". He waves a few carrots ("Tax concessions... to manufacturers who develop and market electric vehicles . . .), but the stick comes down firmly: "Government should announce that at the end of perhaps a five-year transition period, the tax concessions on company cars will only apply to electric vehicles".

Hit them where it hurts. If you want to save your perk, it will have to be an electric perk. There will probably still be a few petrol perkers, running their cars for ostentation, but otherwise the scheme can hardly fail. In one leap of the imagination, Dr Pirie and the ASI have made the tax system more fair, the atmosphere more clean, the need for oil more remote, the streets more silent, and science fiction films more plausible. Switch on!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

on Saddam

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Michael Howard's article ("Why UN sanctions are better than a prolonged US war", August 17) evaluates the serious risks involved in the present approach of the US Government, supported by the UK, and castigates both for taking those risks. Nowhere does he examine the corresponding dangers of the course he proposes, i.e., merely deterring the invasion of Saudi Arabia and enforcing economic sanctions in so far as the UN decides.

The latter course will not drive Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait peacefully. Even if the UN agrees enforcement measures which would be effective (something we cannot rely on given past failures with sanctions), it is most unlikely that Saddam would bow out before them without a bloody fight, something the UN would be unlikely to remain solid in supporting.

Professor Howard's analogy with Korea is particularly misleading as there were no comparable risks in under-reacting there. North Korea was not developing nuclear weapons, was not close to Europe (Baghdad to Athens is 1,200 miles) and the Korean peninsula was not pivotal to the world's economy. There is also, as he does acknowledge, no "China" behind Iraq.

If Saddam Hussein is seen to get away with annexing Kuwait, his star will rise still further in the Arab world. Once his atomic capability is ready, the world will face far greater risks than those in the current carefully balanced approach of the US and UK, which is gaining a widening circle of support. .

Yours faithfully, JULIAN BRAZIER. House of Commons.

From Mr Paul Jackson

Sir, Today, you reproduce an aircraft recognition chart displayed in HMS York for the instruction of missile operators and gunners. The photograph and three-view silhouette listed under "Kuwait" and boldly captioned "Mirage F1", are, in fact, of the very different Mirage III. This has delta wings, whereas the Mirage FI has more traditional sweptback wings positioned differently on the fuselage.

Most importantly, our potential adversary, Iraq, has Mirage F1s and, presumably, the use of captured Kuwaiti aircraft of the same type. Our potential allies, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Israel all fly members of the Mirage III family.

Furthermore, the "Tu-22" pic-ture is of a Tu-26. Iraq has Tu-22s, but not Tu-26s - which are flown only by the Soviet Union and, in the present context, should not be regarded as potentially hostile.

Modest expenditure at any good bookshop will secure one of many volumes available on the subject of aircraft and their recognition. Have we not the wit to identify the possible hostile forces before (God forbid) we start shooting? Yours faithfully. PAUL JACKSON.

The Grange, Pulham Market, Norfolk. August 17.

Joint champions From Mr Keith Thompson

Sir, Dr Carey, the Archbishopelect, whose name may be evidence of some Irish ancestry, is safe in his choice of football allegiance (August 10), not so the Chief Rabbi-elect.

Traditionally (though not exclusively) the Irish community in north London supports Arsenal, while the Jewish community sup-ports Tottenham Hotspur. The intense rivalry between these two great football teams is also tra-

Yours faithfully, KEITH THOMPSON, 60 Moorlands. Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. August 10.

From Mrs M. Hilary Spear Sir, Mr Moss's hopes of divine intervention in the fortunes of the Arsenal Football Club are surely ill-founded. We have it on the authority of St Peter (Acts 10, verse 34) that God has no favourites. Yours faithfully.

M. HILARY SPEAR, 17 Wadhurst Close, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. August 10.

Drug for infants

From the Chief Executive of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

Sir, The title of your report, "Cot death drug gets US licence" (August 7), is misleading. A drug to help prevent cot deaths would be useful but it is important to emphasise that the drug referred to is primarily for premature babies weighing under 3lbs with respiratory difficulties in the first year of life. Although respiratory diseases are thought to be associated with many cot deaths the majority of the 2,000 babies dying each year as cot deaths are not

premature infants. In addition, whilst respiratory diseases can be identified, cot deaths are by definition sudden and unexpected and in most cases

Keeping pressure Democracy seen in altered light

From Mr Paul Vallely

Sir, Sir Alan Walters's argument ("The light way to succeed", August 14) that economic growth and prosperity do not flow from democracy only succeeds because of the peculiar nature of the examples he chooses. Hong Kong has to a limited but

significant extent piggy-backed upon the democratic virtues of Britain, its colonising power; moreover its economic vitality owes much to the repression or underdevelopment of many of the other countries of the region to which it acts as a magnet for frustrated entrepreneurial forces

Chile's burgeoning under Pinochet may owe something to a loosening of previous socialist restrictions, but it is also linked to the economic encouragement of the US, which was after all instrumental in orchestrating the coup which ousted the democratically-elected government of Allende; a number of US eco-nomic and aid sweetners have been made available to Pinochet which were denied to Allende.

Israel's economic constipation does not spring solely from its people seeking after political in-fluence and preferment; the production of goods can never be the chief motivator in a nation with a war mentality which is reinforced constantly by the threats it perceives in the Arab

Most importantly, if economic progress can proceed unimpeded only at a cost to certain of the virtues of democracy then there may be a number of partial checks which a civilised society deems it necessary to accept. The truth is, once again, more complex than Professor Waiters would have us believe.

Yours faithfully, PAUL VALLELY, 6 rue Beclard. 49100 Angers, France.

Planning gain

From Dr Richard Fordham Sir, Your leader (August 4) portrays planning gain as the serpent in England's rural Eden. Naturally we do not quite see it in this way, since we make our living from advising councils how to get it.

the health of society as well as the growth of the economy. If most of the population of the South-east is to have an acceptable quality of life, more than the present 16 per cent or so of its surface will have to be urbanised. There are good arguments why some of this should be in new settlements rather than endless suburbs attached to existing ones.

Each case should be considered

on its merits, rather than excluded on principle, as your leader seems to do. Bargaining between coun-

Training plumbers

Sir. Your leader ("Training on track", August 9) highlights our failure in the UK to tackle

in business now undertake any training — so much so that "cowboys" are training "cowboys". It remains to be seen whether current moves by employer representatives to withdraw from CITB (Construction Industry Training Board) scope will produce better results in a voluntary climate.

From Mr Charles Hendry Sir, The Chairman of National Heritage (August 16) is right to state that any move to sell treasures from Buxton's awardwinning museum would be deplorable. However, Mr Letts is wrong in one crucial respect. It is not the borough council that has

community charge burden.

High Peak Borough Council has already taken legal steps to prevent the sale and petitions have been started.

Yours faithfully CHARLES HENDRY (Prospective parliamentary candidate). High Peak Conservative Association. la Hardwick Mount. Derbyshire.

unexplained. It is therefore difficult to understand how potential cot death babies would be identi-

fied to receive this drug.

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths allocates over £700,000 per year on a wide range of research to identify causes of cot deaths and which infants might be susceptible. This work includes research on allergic responses and abnormalities of surfactant and immunoglobulins in the lungs. However, it would be wrong to raise parents' expectations that this new drug could prevent the tragedy of all cot deaths. Yours sincerely

ERICA DE'ATH, Chief Executive, Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths. 35 Belgrave Square, SW1.

From Dr Simon Collier Sir, Any Chileans who may have read Alan Walters's article will be surprised to learn that the Pino-

chet dictatorship gave them "as free a press as anywhere in Latin America". To rephrase one of George Orwell's wartime remarks. you have to be an economist to believe that sort of thing, "no or-dinary man could be such a fool." In point of fact, the dissident

news magazines published in Chile during the last decade or so of the Pinochet regime were exposed to constant risk of suspension or closure, and it was only three or four years before the end of the dictatorship that the opposition was permitted, after interminable obstruction, to print a daily newspaper. Yours faithfully, SIMON COLLIER,

University of Essex, Department of History, Wivenhoe Park. From Mr Benjamin Fuller

growth, as well as economic control in economies such as Israel's. A balance needs to be found. Such a balance has not been found in Hong Kong. While stressing its renowned economic growth Sir Alan ignores the poor, "sweatshop" working conditions for which the colony is equally

Sir. Alan Walters is right to point

out the importance of economic

well known. A democratic society would provide a means for discontent over these conditions to be expressed and controls introduced. Within the industries concerned these controls would, of course, involve costs - although perhaps partially against employer profits. There would be a growth in human dignity and safety.

cils and developers or landowners

is perfectly consistent with integ-

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misleading term. It actually refers

to whatever is necessary to make a

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bargain. In some cases, of course,

nothing will make permission acceptable and so refusal is the

Bargaining is part of life. Corruption is a disease of the process, not its essence. Bargain-

ing is central to planning, and

often essential to the provision of

According to Dr Helmut Hauss-

mann, the West German Econom-

Our dual system of occupational training, in which industry and the schools, central government and the

schools, central government and the regions co-operate closely with one another guarantees that the German Federal Republic continues to remain at the top of the league in international competition. The training regulations lay the foundations for a modern approach to a

apprentice training. They reflect the current state of technology and yet, at the same time, are so flexible that they will be of lasting benefit.

Why don't we adopt a similar

Cosmopolitan bicycle

Sir, Last week I bought a bicycle

with "Raleigh, Nottingham, Eng-land" emblazoned on the front. Whilst pedalling up my first hill, humming "Rule Britannia", I

noticed the pump was made in

France. Intrigued I glanced at the

gears - Shimano - and then the

brakes - a combination of

I braked and did a closer survey.

The tyres came from Taiwan, the prop stand is Italian, the front basket is made in Britain, and the

Everything working in harmony

I reflected, and as the reflectors (from Japan) were glinting in the setting sun I turned for home. This

week I must buy some cycle lamps

- I wonder where they will come

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bike bag is Indonesian.

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(Managing Director), Planning Gain Consultants,

RICHARD FORDHAM

proper course.

Yours faithfully,

1 Rupert House.

August 5.

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ics Minister.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW WATTS,

Hornchurch, Essex.

From Mrs J. P. Clode

Chief Executive, The Institute of Plumbing, 64 Station Lane,

Tisbury Court, W1.

gally binding

Planning gain is a rather

Yours faithfully, B. D. FULLER, 49 Allington Garden, Boston, Lincolnshire.

Development is necessary for

From the Chief Executive of the Institute of Plumbing

vocational training. In our sector, very few plumbers

This contrasts with West Germany, where plumbing and gasfitting is one of 126 occupations in which training standards are specified by law. This covers organisation of training from apprentice to the key "Meister" or Master Craftsman grade and is

Museum sale

proposed the sale, but Derbyshire County Council, faced with the need to reduce its excessively high

August 16.

J. P. CLODE, 66 Park Road, Hythe, Kent. August 5.

Yours faithfully,

from.

Obstacle course

Sir, The answer to your correspondent in today's Times as to how grandparents survive visits from their second generation is to set their own obstacle course. We have a family tradition that

(2,927 ft) before you are six. Our second granddaughter has just achieved this in splendid style at five years and three months. Her elder sister passed the test last year. My maternal grandfather (born 1867) climbed Cader with his grandmother when he was five. Our rules are that you are not

Fate of the Kow Swamp bones

From Mr Peter H. Pigott Sir, I am appalled by your Archaeology Correspondent's report ("Decision time for the Aboriginal Dreamtime", August 6) that the Government of Victoria may concede to Aboriginal demands for custody of the Kow Swamp bones. When emotion mixed with political objectives

disastrous. If we are to ignore great men of science, such as Emeritus Professor John Mulvaney and Dr Alan Thorne, and act on the radical recommendations of those less knowledgeable, we throw archaeology to the winds in Australia.

takes over from common sense

and reason, the results can be

The argument may have very ontology. Many archaeologists believe that the Kow Swamp people represent a different and earlier migration of people to Australia than the ancestors of the present day Aboriginal. This of course may, in the minds of the few radicals pressing for what amounts to the destruction of the Kow Swamp remains, be a sinister thorn in the side of the land rights

The Kow Swamp material is of extra-national importance and cannot be claimed by people living today, separated by 750 generations and a different race. This nonsense must stop or future generations of archaeologists. black and white, will look back on this era as the dark and ignorant days for archaeology, when common sense no longer prevailed and ignorance became triumphant. Yours etc.

PETER H. PIGOTT (Chairman, Federal Government Committee of Enquiry on Museums and National Collections, 1974-75), As from: Yengo, Queen's Avenue, Mount Wolfson, New South Wales, Australia.

Death penalty

From the Director of Amnesty International British Section

Sir, Contrary to Lord Denning's recent assertions (report, August 17) hanging a prisoner does not stop protests about their innocence continuing after their death. In the case of Timothy Evans, the community was not satisfied by his execution in 1949; he was not forgotten and protests persisted until he was posthumously par-doned in 1956.

In the ten years following the abolition of the death penalty in the UK in 1959, eight people convicted of murder were released because of proof that they had been framed or had been convicted on the basis of unsound forensic evidence.

Since then, cases like the Guildford Four have shown that the British system of justice can lead to wrongful convictions. Amnesty International's research into the death penalty world-wide shows that no system of justice is ever perfect enough to make a final decision on guilt or inno-cence — or life or death.

Yours sincerely, MARIE STAUNTON, Director, Amnesty International British Section, 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, ECI.

August 17.

EC and East Europe From the Editor of New European

Sir, Your report of Margaret Thatcher's Aspen speech, as well as your editorial, "Mrs Thatcher's new world" (August 6) suggest letting Eastern European countries, including the Soviet Union, join the European Community as soon as they are economically ready. I wonder sometimes if some plan to let them enter and then prepare from within might not be even better?

What is worrying, however, is that even Esta countries, who are economically ready, are not particularly welcomed. In a recent debate on EC/Efta relations in the House of Lords, Lord Cockfield revealed clearly the reason why Efta countries should not be allowed to join. It was that they had free trade with third countries outside Europe and the Community could not tolerate that.

If the Community had free trade with the rest of the world, what impediment would there be to the marriage of the EC and Efta? I fail to understand how the Community can claim that it is not creating a "fortress Europe" so long as it maintains its essential character on the basis of a customs union and not a free trade. Yours faithfully,

JOHN COLEMAN, Editor, New European, 14-16 Carroun Road, SW8.

From Mrs Rachel Gibbs hand held.

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allowed to be carried and must not whinge, but you can have your Yours faithfully,

RACHEL GIBBS. 21 Albion Square, E8. August 14.

From Mr R. E. Foot Sir, I was sympathetic to Mrs Marshall's letter describing the visit of her young grandson. Mine, a year younger than Mrs Marshall's, was instrumental in my being able to celebrate the somewhat unusual double of a 40th

wedding anniversary and German

measles during the same week. Yours faithfully, R. E. FOOT, 32 Sutherland Avenue, Petts Wood. Orgington, Kent.

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SOCIAL NEWS

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Market Festival

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Prince's paintings

on show at church

Eleven of the Prince of Wales'

paintings went on display

yesterday in a west Norfolk

favourite watercolours to \$1

Mary's Church at Burnham

Westgate to form part of an art

exhibition in the Burnham

The church is taking

The prince sent some of his

Today's royal engagement

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will receive the freedom of Caithness District at a ceremony in Wick at noon.

The Princess Royal will visit Japan from September 15 to 23 and attend the 96th session of the International Olympic Committee and the UK 90 Festival.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the London City Ballet, will attend a gala evening in Wash-ington DC on October 4.

Birthdays TODAY: Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 69; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 65; Sir Bryan Askew, chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 60; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 78; Dr F.R. Bettley, dermatologist, 81; Mr James Birrell, chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 57; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 70: Lord Grantchester, QC, 69; Mr Robert Horton, chairman, BP, 51: Lord Kaberry of Adel, 83; Miss Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 74; Sir John Mason. former director-general, Meteo-Monte office, 67: Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 62; Mrs V.L. Pandit. Indian diplomat, 90; Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, solicitor. 60; Sir David Pitblado, civil servant. 78: Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 57: Mr Institut Parks. Justice Potts, 59; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 53; Mr Willie Rushion, author, cartoonist and broadcaster, 53; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert. 71: Mr Caspar Weinberger, former American Secretary of Defence. 73: Profes-sor J.S.G. Wilson, economist,

Anniversaries

TODAY BIRTHS: Brook Taylor, mathematician, Edmonton, Middle-sex, 1685; Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750, Meriwether Lewis explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia. 1774; John Russell. Earl Russell, prime minister 1846-52, 1865-66, London, 1792; Marcel 66, London, 1792; Marcel Carne, film director, Paris. 1909

DEATHS: Genghis Khan, Mon-gol emperor 1175-1227, Mon-golia, 1227; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattie, poet, Aberdeen, 1803; Andre-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823: Honoré de Balzac, Paris, 1850: Sir William Fairbaira. Bt, engineer, Moor Park. Surrey, 1874; William Henry Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922.

utive chairman, Schroders, 60; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Watt, 76.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Gerbrand van den Eeckhout, painter, Amsterdam, 1621: John Dryden, Poet Laureate 1670-89, Northampton. 1631; John Flamsteed, first Astronomer Royal 1675-1719, Denby, Derbyshire, 1646; James Hall, historian and poet, Philadelphia, 1793; James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, Edinburgh, 1808; Charles Doughty, traveller in Arabia, Leiston, Suffolk, 1843; Orville Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1871; DEATHS: Augustus, Roman emperor 27BC-AD14, Nola, near Naples, AD14; Blaise Pascal. philosopher, Pans. 1662; Robert Bloomfield, poet, Subhas Chandra Bose, Indian nationalist Taiwan, 1945: Groucho Marx, Santa Monica, California, 1977.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr V.C. Bluck and Miss F.M. Potter

The engagement is announced between Vincent, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E.G. Bluck, of Southerdown, Mid Glamorgan, and Frona, third daughter of Mrand Mrs R.W. Potter, of Fillongley, Warwickshire.

Mr R.D. Eve and Miss T.D. Potter

The engagement is announced between Robin, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.F. Eve. of Allesley, Coventry, and Tanya, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. of Fillongley, Potter. Warwickshi

Major T.J. Dyer, RA, and Miss P.K. Knox

The engagement is announced burdavin, Co Wicklow, Eire, between Tim, son of Mrs and Mr A.J.P. Wakeley the late Mr J.W. Dyer, of Long Ashton, Bristol, and Philippa. daughter of Major and Mrs T.C.S. Knox, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr I.A. Muir and Miss I.K.A. Klinkhammer The engagement is announced

between Ian, second son of Mr and Mrs L.M. Muir, of Weaverham, Cheshire, and ingrid, second daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Klinkhammer, of Zulpich-Wichterich, West

Mr R.C. Lintern and Miss K.A. Skaife

The engagement is announced between Richard Charles, younger son of Mr D.A. Lintern and of the late Mrs K. Lintern, of Hatch Beauchamp, Somerset, and Karen Anne, younger daughter of the late Mr E.B. Skaife and of Mrs J. Skaife, of Knaresborough, North

Mr R.J. Mulcahy and Miss K. Thirlaway

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Mulcahy, of Dul-wich, London, and Kris, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Glyn Thirlaway, of Chester-le-Street, County Durham.

and Miss K.M.H. Archer The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Robertson, of Wimbledon, London, SW19, and Katherine, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs J. David Archer, of Ladbroke Gardens,

Mr T. Thomson Jones and Miss C. O'Sullivan

London, WII.

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr Harry Thomson Jones, of Hurworth House, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Mrs Solna Jones, of Woodland. The Severals, Newmarket. Suffolk, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John O'Sullivan, of Newtown House,

and Miss M.H. Dingley The engagement is announced between Adam, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Wakeley, of Hartlip, Kent, and Melanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

Michael Dingley, of Ilmington Warwickshire.

Mr S.J. Wilson and Ms J.L.S. Barbour The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr between Stephen, son of Dr Richard and Mrs Penny Wilson, Jane, daughter of the Rev Walter and the Rev Jenny

Barbour, of Moortown, Leeds, Marriages

Mr P.J. Jones and Mrs N.E. Copeman The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, August 2, in London between Mr Peter Jones and Mrs Nicola Copeman. Mr S. Kendali and Miss S. Beck

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 11, at St Paul's Church, Vossem, Belgium, of Simon Kendall and Susan Beck. A reception was held at La Ferme du Chateau de la Hulpe, and the honeymoon is being

OBITUARIES

THE RT REV ALEXANDER MUGE

The Rt Rev Alexander Muge, Anglican Bishop of Eldoret, Kenya, since 1983, lost his life aged 42 on August 14 when his car was in head-on collision wuh a lorry near the Ugandan border. He was born in 1948.

THE death of Alexander

Muge robs Kenyan public life

of a colourful and charismatic extra security measures to figure. Bishop Muge brought to the pulpit the courage and pugnacity which earned him a 74; Miss Shelley Winters, acgallantry medal during earlier service in Kenya's para-military General Service Unit. TOMORROW: Professor Muge's outspokenness would Quentin Bell, art historian, 80; have attracted comment any-Commandani Daphne Bhindell, former director, WRNS, 74; Mr where. But in Kenya there was Gordon Brand, Jr. golfer, 32: Sir a highly significant additional Lionel Brett, former Nigerian judge, 79; Mr Arthur Calderreason for shock. The national Nyayo philosophy insists that Marshall, author, 82; Lord Cocks of Harrcliffe, 61; Mr all leaders owe allegiance to the nation, ruling party, and K.H.M. Dixon, former chair-man, Rowntree, 61; Mr C.J. president. Any crack in their Driver, master, Wellington College, 51; the Right Rev Dr Gerald Ellison, former Bishop of London, 80; Lord Ennals, 68; united front is thus viewed as "disloyalty." His "offence" was compounded because he was from the Kaleniin ethnic Dame Rose Heilbron, former High Court judge, 76; Mr E.R. Heward, former Chief Master of group of President Daniel arap Moi. When Muge became a bishop in 1983, aged the Supreme Court, 78; Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor, Private Eye, 53; Mr A.G.L. Ives. only 35, some saw his appointment as part of a Kalenjin "takeover". Muge himself conceded the tribal factor in former secretary, King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, 86; Sir Edward Rayne, former chair-man, H. and M. Rayne, 68; Mr Michael Roper, Keeper of Pub-lic Records, 58; Mr Willie Shoemaker, jockey, 59; Mr G.W. von Mallinckrodt, exechis election and could not avoid presidential patronage. But he quickly showed his independence of mind and frequently enraged Kenya's President by his refusal to

> Muge's preaching put him often at loggerheads with the government. His sermons may always have ended with emphasising that God forgives sinners but they frequently included scathing and detailed references to what he saw as the sins of the mighty in Kenyan society. The President's own family did not escape his lash: last September

born at La-Seyne-sur-Mer in

come to the fore in jazz during

the past few decades, moving

from a largely functional role

within the rhythm section to

being featured as virtuoso soloists. Louis Vola was

around too early to be a bassist

of that sort. He was, neverthe-

less, one of the few jazz bass

players in Europe in the inter-

war years who could be com-

pared with the Americans. His

playing needed to be firm and

'stay bought".



relief in the Sudan.

there was adequate food. In the 1988 general election Muge was pilloried for criticising ballot-rigging under the new system of queue voting and was physically assaulted in church at that time by an assistant chief.

Muge had an undoubted talent for using the media. Press statements and interviews by telephone poured. from his office in Eldoret. This, and his combative style, explained his high national profile. Yet his primary Muge accused one relative of orientation was to local rather

Louis Vola, bass player with and his brother Joseph, meant first records for the

manner totally unlike any-

thing going on in the United

States. A strong bass player

Django Reinhardt in 1932.

when - playing accordion at

that time - he led a band at

The Lido in Toulon and heard

Django and his brother Joseph

playing their guitars on the

beach. When Vola moved to

Paris to play for tea dances at

the Hotel Claridge his band

was 14 strong and included

Stephane Grappelli as well as

Django. In between dance

Vola had, in fact, run across

the Quintet of the Hot Club of that the music was often

France during the 1930s, has melodically and rhythmically

died in Paris aged 88. He was complex, even florid, and in a

decisive because the group sessions the two of them

DOUBLE bass players have was a necessity.

LOUIS VOLA

unlike that of any group of its turned down by the Odéon him. He could be very tem- when the subject of that day. The fact that the quintet record company, but in peramental towards the other programme was Stephane

Ultraphone label.

The quintet had residencies

in Paris at the Monico in

supplies intended for famine controversies usually centred on failings encountered in his Muge encountered fierce ministry as a bishop. His criticism when he claimed touch was less sure on natthat there was famine in his ional issues. In the absence of own diocese, flatly contradict- a legal opposition party, Keing official assurances that nyan churches alone have the freedom to articulate dissent. The current debate on legalising alternative parties was started by two clergymen. Yet Muge broke ranks, issuing a statement supporting the present one-party state. For he was not opposed to a one-

party system in itself, though he was at the forefront of a campaign against corruption. His fellow bishops found him as much a maverick as did the government. His autocratic manner and his impulsiveness made him a difficult

comparison with Nkrumah in Ghana where, as Muge saw it, a popular president was destroyed on the bad advice of his entourage." Alexander Kipsang Muge was born in the Nandi region of western Kenya, the son of a small farmer. A naturally bright boy, he got his first job as an untrained teacher. He went on to serve in the General Service Unit. On his conversion to Christianity he resigned from that force and began training for ordination. Deacon by 1975, he was ordained a priest two years

later. In 1978 he came to study

at the London Bible College

and took a BA in theology. He

endeared himself to students

and tutors alike, but even then

Muge's gifts were usually

deployed as a scourge to what

he saw as a self-serving and

complacement administra-

tion. A fortnight before he died he addressed a special

committee of the ruling Kenya

African National Union

(Kanu), maintaining that a

"Cabinet clique" was mislead-

ing the President, making the

he could be forthright on controversial issues. Returning to Kenya, he was appointed Assistant Provost of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi. He became the first Bishop of Eldoret when a new diocese was created. In his six years as Bishop, and concerned as he always was for the development of local people, he led the efforts to set up several agricultural and water schemes in the diocese. He returned to this country several times after his London days, including attendance at ference, but he would never speak out on Kenyan issues

preferring always to do that on his home ground.

1988 Lambeth Con-

the Cambridge Theatre,

London, in January 1938 at a

"musicians" concert" organised by the Melody Montmartre and in various clubs run by Ada Smith, the Maker (the Mills Brothers black American better known were also on the bill). It was as Bricktop. Otherwise the during that visit that they recorded "My Sweet", which group led a curiously intermittent existence. When it was contains one of the rare solos working Vola seems to have that Vola put on record. They been invaluable, not just for returned in the summer but his bass playing out also his without Vola. He had left to join Ray Ventura, with whose ability to keep the musicians band he had worked during on speaking terms with one another. And Django was notoriously unreliable. "He the 1920s; he did visit Britain that year with Ventura's orcould be very difficult." Vola chestra, by that time a show recalled, "because he was the band very similar to Jack type who didn't want to be Hylton's. In post-war years working, working all Vola remained active on the the time. He was capricious, French jazz and dance music with which he rose to fame, would play together infor- and if he wanted to go off scenes, playing piano and the Quintet of the Hot Club, mally, often joined by the fishing he'd just go. If he drums as well as bass. He also - Stephane Grappelli on vi- organise the quartet (shortly to and play with them, and Montand and Georges olin, three guitarists, one of become a quintet) into a Mabel Mercer, who was the Brassens. His last appearance whom was Django Reinhardt, regular group. At first work singer at Bricktop's, would in Britain was on television, as and Vola on bass – was totally was hard to get. They were have to go out looking for a guest in This Is Your Life

THE REV LESLIE STYLER

The Rev Leslie Moreton Styler, former senior tutor. chaplain and fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, died aged 82 on August 12. He was born on May 8, 1908. ...

IN 1947 Leslie Styler was elected fellow and chaplain of Brasenose College, something of an accident as he was the first to insist. Brasenose had been told by the then Archdeacon of Oxford of an eminently suitable candidate in the shape of a certain Styler, a double first from Corpus. The tip in fact referred to Leslie Styler's younger brother Geoffrey, subsequently a fellow of Corpus, Cambridge, But by the time this detail had been elucidated the elder brother had already been approached; everyone liked him, so it was decided to look no further and Leslie got the job. Within a year he had become the first tutor for admissions at Brasenose, holding that post until 1962. He was afterwards closely involved in establish-

Oxford colleges. He did pioneering work introducing the new system to the advantage of the whole university. When first at Brasenose Styler acted as assistant tutor

to Maurice Platnauer, then classics tutor and later principal of the college. Styler had no pretensions to be an original scholar, but he was a fine Hellenist and Latinist, and a first rate teacher of undergraduates. From 1966 to 1972 he was the college's senior tutor with one term as vice-principal before retiring in 1973. He also served as a university lecturer on history for the Theology School and had been an examining chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford as well as a university select preacher.

The son of a bank manager, Styler was educated at Bradford Grammar School. going to Corpus Christi College, Oxford, as a scholar and gaining firsts in Mods and Greats. Styler opted initially for schoolmastering but, after ing and running the new one year at Clifton, was back Oxford Colleges Admissions in Oxford, teaching at St Office, set up to co-ordinate Edward's School. In 1936 he the admissions to all the took Holy Orders.

ETHYL EICHELBERGER

accordionist, was found dead on August 12 at the age of 45. He was born on July 17, 1945.

ETHYL was not of course. Ethyl Eichelberger's real name. He was born of Amish Mennonite parents in Pekin, Illinois, and christened James Roy, but two years after joining Charles Ludlam's Ridiculous Theatrical Company in 1974, he legally assumed his bizarre forename. This was done partly in hom-American theatre, Barrymore and Merman, but also, he persona in the forefront of his audience's mind when he performed. "I want them to The quintet performed at see both the actor and the character simultaneously.

Lucrezia Borgia or the characters in Leer, his shortened version in which he played King, Fool and Cordelia. boldly made up, elaborately coiffed, hung with enormous jewels and as like or not playing the accordion, there audience would forget they were watching an Eichelberger accordion. performance. He was also six

Generally his own director at Lincoln Center. Backed by his parents' keen tragic.

if surprising encouragement.

Ethyl Eichelberger, actor, had graduated from the New playwright, hairdresser and York Academy of Dramatic Arts in 1967. He acquired further performance skills during his seven years with Adrian Hall at the Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, Rhode Island, where his roles included Atahualpa in The Royal Hunt of the Sun before returning to New York to work with Ludlam.

The diploma in hairdressing that he acquired about this time was later put to good use when he became hair stylist with the Joffrey Ballet age to two great Ethels of the credits included Robert Wilson's Einstein on the Beach but it was Ludlam who inconfessed, to help keep his spired him to present the solo performances that brought him celebrity. Phaedra was the first, in 1974, to be followed by many such beroic roles: Medea, Klytemnestra, Watching his Nefertiti, his Lucrezia (which won him an Obie Award in 1982), Casanova and Catherine the Great. Two years ago the Serious Fun! Festival commissioned The Lincolns, in which he played husband and wife, designed the President's wig, created Mrs Lincoln's yellow was little chance that an costume spangled with pink silk roses and sang to a large

For other performers he adapted Molière, Chekhov, and Shakespeare (Hamlette as well as author, he had rentled thus to allow a woman recently returned to main- to play the role) and in 1988 at stream theatre, in 1988 play- the Joyce Theatre presented ing the Ballad-singer opposite Ariadne Obnoxious, based dis-Sting in John Dexter's revival tantly on a Strauss opera of of The Threepenny Opera, and similar name. Absurdity was doubling as the Abbess and never entirely absent from his never used a drummer. In- guitarist, Roger Chaput. Vola wanted to play in a bar with accompanied singers such as | Courtesan in the Flying playing but could be kept at a deed, its instrumental line-up joined in on bass and tried to some of his friends he'd go Charles Trenet, Yves | Karamazov Brothers' produc- distance by his fierce identition of The Comedy of Errors fication with the roles, especially if their ends were

> He developed Aids and last Eichelberger entered state weekend, in his home on competitions for poetry inter- Staten Island, he brought his pretation as a schoolboy and own life to an end.

Rare coin collection for Oxford museum

included two gypsies, Django December 1934 made their musicians too."

A RARE collection of ancient are Byzantine and medieval. coins worth at least £200.000 Mr Howgego said: "The collection of ancient are Byzantine and medieval." has been left to the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford by an archaeologist and publisher who committed suicide.

His bequest means that the Ashmolean, Britain's oldest public museum, is to benefit from "one of the most significant bequests we have had for a decade," according to the museum's assistant keeper of Roman coins, Mr Chris

Howgego. The bulk of the coins are Roman silver, dating from the period between AD 200 and 500. Other important pieces from depression.

Mr Howgego said: "The coins were chosen to complement our collection. Normaily, with a large collection, you would expect a lot of duplication but I think David always intended to leave his to the coin room."

Mr Howgego's own post was funded by Mr Walker after the government cash squeeze forced Oxford univer-

Mr Walker, aged 46, was

sity to leave it vacant. found dead in his car outside his Oxford office last November. He had been suffering

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, WI, 11 SM. Collegium Regale (Darke). O table and see (Vaughan Williams): 6 LM & B.

Wear.

clutch of gold medals.

the giant cactus from R W and R Bewley, of Consett, county Durham, whose exhibit has been awarded a gold medal and judged best in show, and P and M Settle-Bamber, Westview Gardens, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, who have also gained a gold medal.

and J Ainsworth, of Bamber Bridge, Lancashire, amateur growers of bromeliads and carnivorous plants. The exhibit features epiphytic bromeliads from central and South America, including air plants, mounted on tree branches, and trumpet pitchers and other carnivorous plants from the sphagnum bogs of the south east United States.

gladioli has gained a gold medal for Jacques Amand of Stanmore, west London: and Greenacre Nursery, of

North scoops up gold medals at RHS National Garden Festival show

Horticulture

Grappelli.

among the big attractions at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower show which is taking place at the National Garden Festival, Gateshead, Tyne and It is good to see a strong contingent of

exhibitors from the north scooping a Among the highlights of the show are

The gold medal has been awarded to J

A large and spectacular display of

Southport, Merseyside, has also been including the 6 in high Astilbe

SUMMER flowers and giant cactus are awarded a gold medal for an equally impressive exhibit of carnations and and bronze foliage. pinks.

Flower arrangements are not often seen at RHS shows so the exhibit from Fantasia Florest of Newcastle upon Tyne, is particularly welcome. This very professional display, which has been awarded a gold medal, has a cream, yellow and white theme and features some striking flowers including the tall yellow spikes of foxtail tilies, the large deep yellow daisy flowers of gerberas, and white lilies and moth orchids. A colourful collection of vegetables,

ranging from Victorian varieties like Long Black radish, to modern kinds such as aubergine 'Long Purple', has been staged by Suttons Seeds, of Torquay. Devon, who have won a gold medal. Suttons are also giving a preview of varieties for the future, including finger-size aubergines and peppers. Hartside Nursery Garden, of Alston,

Cumbria, which claims to be the highest alpine nursery in the UK (1,100 feet above sea level), is exhibiting hardy herbaceous plants, ferns and alpines. Many choice and rare ferns are to be seen plus some very dwarf rock garden astilbes, with bare plumes of flowers,

elaberrima saxatilis with pink flowers

Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham, Berkshire, have staged bold drifts of autumn-flowering gentians, including Gentiana 'Devonhall Strain' whose trumpet-shaped flowers range from light to dark blue.

Crocosmias are in vogue. A selection of new varieties of these colourful later summer border plants, part of the National Collection, is being shown jointly by Gardening from Which?, of London, and the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, based at the RHS garden, Wisley, Surrey. Varieties range from 'Dusky Maiden' with tan-coloured flowers and bronze foliage, to orange and yellow 'Severn Sunrise'. The cottage-garden perennials from

local nursery, Halls of Heddon, Newcastle upon Tyne, specialist in herbaceous plants, is creating interest, especially an unusual deep crimson scabious, Scabiosa rumelica, which blooms throughout summer.

The show, sponsored by the Daily Mirror and located in the Horticultural Hall, is open today and tomorrow. The Festival is open from 10am to 8pm.

Move to ban hunting on Trust land

By JOHN YOUNG THE National Trust is facing Trust land." the resolution

a renewed attempt by a section of its membership to ban all bunting on its land. A resolution to be debated opinion polls show that the at its annual meeting on

November 3 calls on the trust's council to ban the hunting of foxes, hares and mink with bounds, and the associated activity of "digging out animals and terrier work." Land where legally binding agreements permitted such activities to continue would of necessity be excluded.

"Hunting with hounds, and the use of terriers in digging foxes out of refuge, have no acceptable place on National

says. In supporting hunting as the trust ignores the fact that majority of the population, including people in rural areas, are against it. A separate resolution calls

on the council to prohibit the hunting of deer with hounds, which it describes as a cruel, unnecessary, damaging and unpopular activity. Three packs of staghounds hunt for nine months of the year on Exinoor and the Quantock Hills, in north Devon and Somerset, where the trust owns large areas of land.

The trust has until now managed to defeat the antia traditional country activity, hunting lobby, being concerned by the damage a ban would do to its relations with tenant farmers and rural communities, and by the deterrent effect it might have on the willingness of landowners to make future legacies. It points out that hunting is not illegal.

> A ban would destroy confidence and goodwill, and would cause many people to see the trust as an antagonist. not a friend of the countryside, making it much harder to carry out the duties entrusted to it by Parliament, it says. net

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Latest wills

The Rt Rev George Edmund Reindern, of Bramley, Surrey, Bishop of Salisbury 1973-81 and Bishop of Guildford 1961-73, left estate valued at £220,187

Church services tomorrow **Tenth Sunday** after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL & HC. 9.50 M: 11 5 ENCH. Miss Bracks (Palestrina). Tantum ergo (Nichoboni. The Archdescon. 3.15 E. Responses (Piccolo). Si Paul's Service (Howels). Hear my prayer (Mendessohm. 5 Plugrimage Service: 6.50 Sarmon & Compiline, Rev P G C Bred. YORK MINSTER 8. 8.45 MC. 10 S Euch. Mess for four voices (Byrd). Open thy gates (Harrison). Rev P Ballard: 11 30 M. Responses (Jackson). Britten in C. 4 E. Collegium Regale (Howels). Ascribe into the Lord (Wesley). Canon J Toy. ST Paul. S GATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10.30 M. Responses (Rose). Britten in C. Rev P Ursell: 11 30 M. C. Darke in F. O mcs merciful (Bullock: 315 E. Harroad in A fal., Where in Purel Responses (Lackschubert). Ven G Cassidy. WESTHINSTER ABBETY: 8 HC: 10 M. resoned (Schubert). Ven G Cassidy.
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Vicar: 6 E & B. Sumsion in G. King of
Glory (Harris), Rev Dr J A Cullen.
ALL SOURS, Langham Place. W1: 11
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The Vicar. 7 30 Taize Service.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2.

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ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Pont Stret. SW1 11 Miss J M Walson. The Leprosy Mission: 6.50 Rev J H McLindoe. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Covern Carden. WC2: 11.15. 6.30 Rev A Cien Bowle. GHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lison Grove. SI John's Wood. 10.45. FARM STREET, WI: 11 LM. THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8. 9, 10, 11 Viss, Missa Assumpta eel Maria (Palestrina), Subhum praesidium (Mozari), 12,50, 4,50, 7; 3,30 V & B. Beatl mundo carde (Morth). corde (Byrd). 81 ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM. Mass In C. Ave Maria. Tantum ergo (SHIAM).

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Parkle - On August 14th, at New York Hospital, to Physical inde Gerrards and Glenn, a daughter, Alexandra Claire, a sister for Ginevra. FISHER CROUCH - On August 10th, at Exeter, to Coringe (née Searle) and Stephen, a wonderful son. Charles William Teague. MEMSLEY - On July 27th, to Christine (nèe Butcher) and Mark, a son, Luke Charles William.

On August 17th, to Henry and Jill (née Pegg), a daughter, Alice, a sister for Oliver and Thomas. EBOH - On August 11th 1990, to Judet (née Stancomb) and Gregory, a daughter Jennifer Hôge, a sister for William. LOGUE - On August 17th, in Sydney, Australia to Eleanor (née Hyde-Thormson and Nell, a daughter Josephine Mary. Josephine Mary.

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MARRIAGES

energia and Peter are delighted to announce their elopement. They were married yesterday afternoon, in Oban.

SILVER **ANNIVERSARIES** POPPLE Chris and Jin.

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Eala's Church, Alchem, near Shrewshury, by the Right Rev. William Stanton Jones, assisted by Canon Moriey Headiam, Edward William Moreton to Pamela Merie, New at 1 Tibberton House, 16 Tibberton Road, Maivern, Worcestershire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES August 19th 1940, at St George's Church, Onehunga, New Zealand, Eric High to Dorothy Lillan.

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So long ago as August 8 one of our special correspondents sent us a particular account of the preparations at Boulogue—the quays and hunrious buildings cleared, the troop trains in waiting, the French re-servists in their rad breeches mowing gress and clearing woods to make great camps between the Kentish-looking woods and fields on one side and the Channel on the other. Not a word of this news did we allow to reach our readers. A few days later and we could accurately have described these camps above the port crammed with British troops; their enthusiastic reception by the French entinusiastic reception by the French people who yet, characteristically, had a little laugh ready for cartain peculiarities of the British uniforms; the arrival of General Sir John French on board the scout Sentinel, and the magnition by the Gamman of and the reception by the Governor of Boulogne. Yet, save for one or two footling exceptions in less reputable quarters, not a line of it found its way into English newspapers.

Meanwhile on this side of the Channel was there nothing to be seen or heard? Every day for many days now mothers have been saying goodbye to sons and wives to husbands. Outside the London barracks of an early morning there were sights to be seen that would have repaid description. All down the southern roads through Kent and Hampshire great trains of transport and artillery have been rumbling day

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Those who knew the secrets of departure and destination kept them; those who did not know them asked no questions. It is only now that we learn of that little printed letter from Lord Kitchener which every soldier carries with him-a reminder that a good soldier fears God, honours his King and country, ebstains from liquor and looting, and is courteous, and no more than courteous, to women. In old days we loved to give our troops a send-off. To the Crimes—yes and later than that—they started with colours flying and bands playing, while women waved handkerchiefs and threw flowers from the windows and balconies. Everyone knew whither they were bound and how the journey would be made. But that was in the days before submarines, mines and bombs, those swift secrecies of death that make war more terrible than it has ever been. Until Britain knew that her troopships had safely crossed that narrow strip of water

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Changing face

o Grade I listed building has stood for so long on Death Row as Liverpool's noble Regency Lyceum. Yet today, the Post Office staff who tread the wall-towall carpeting and sit in the newly restored building behind panelled counters worthy of Courts Bank have no idea that it once stood condemned.

Opened in 1802 as a combined

library, news room and coffee room, with 800 members, the Lyceum shares with Brooks's Club, in London, the distinction of being one of the very few buildings where government has stepped in and paid up to revoke a planning permission. Whereas Brooks's windfall came from exploiting a loophole in the law in

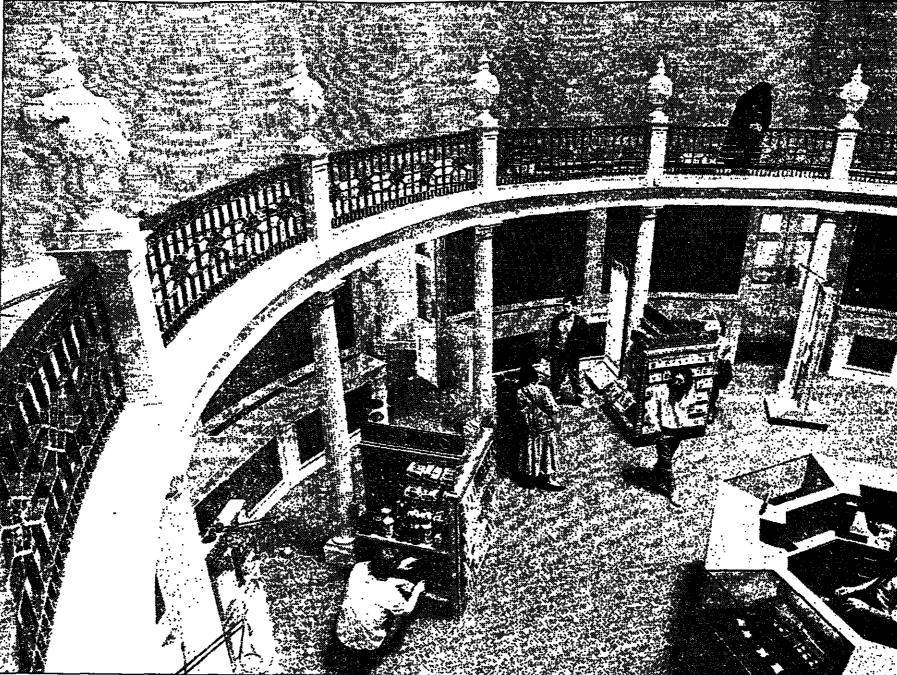
the Sixties (its redevelopment plans were blocked by the government, which then paid the club £90.000 in compensation), Peter Shore, the then Labour environment secretary decided to spend up to £500,000 to halt redevelopment of the Lyceum site in 1979. The reputedly stony-hearted

secretary of state, who a year before had rebuffed all appeals to save Mentmore Towers and its treasures for the nation, was persuaded by the sheer volume of impassioned pleas from the ordinary people of Liverpool.

Before Mr Shore could complete the compulsory purchase, Mrs Thatcher had won her first election victory and Michael Heseltine was sitting in his place. Mr Heseltine was promptly faced with the decision - and the bill to save two important neo-classical monuments in the Greek Revival style - the Grange, in Hampshire, and Liverpool's Lyceum. He promptly demanded that both pieces of public expenditure be justified anew but to his everlasting credit he did not adopt an either/or attitude but decided to restore both buildings.

The Grange, which had been taken into guardianship as an ancient monument after an international outery, had to be restored from his own departmental budget, but the Lyceum, he determined, should be sold for a commercial use.

In the Liverpool of the early 1980s, to a background of the Toxteth riots, the prospect looked bleak until Mr Heseltine sealed a remarkable deal with the Post Office. Of the £625,000 he spent on buying the building and carrying out essential repairs, he recovered just over half from the sale.



Stamp of success: the magnificent interior of the Lyceum in Liverpool, still open to public view thanks to a remarkable deal with the Post Office

The virtue of Post Office use is that it means all the main interiors are fully accessible to the public. The fear of Florence Gerstwyn, the Liverpool teacher who ran the campaign, was that the building would be sold off as offices, and none of those who had signed the petitions, worn the badges and baked thousands of Lyceum cakes would ever see inside.

Every possible public use had been explored, including refurbishment as Liverpool's register office - the noble portico would have made the perfect backdrop for wedding photographs. The best whole range of postcards and part of the Post Office restoration pillar box souvenirs. is that its staff are so visibly The virtue of the Post Office use

is that every part of the building is fully occupied. The ground floor tion, quite the most superior in the on Ranelagh Street has been leased to a building society and a room, decorated with friezes of which Lord Elgin would certainly wine bar is opening behind.

The top floor, where the club had created a dining room and billiard room, is now occupied by 40 Post Officer managers who eniov old fashioned rooms rather than modern open plan.

The Lyceum's architect, Thomas Harrison, of Chester.

would be delighted to see his noble ashlar stone clean again. (I shall never forget seeing a developer's sketch showing the façade reerected the wrong way round beneath Liverpool Cathedral as if all the chiselled stones could simply be turned back to front.)

Harrison had a "spark divine", according to C.R. Cockerell, architect of the Ashmolean Museum and the Liverpool branch of the Bank of England. "The most classical and scientific architect of his day", was Lord Elgin's verdict. The Lyceum had been con-

demned principally because the city council had wished to see two entire city centre blocks swept away for huge shopping centres After the successful battle over the Lyceum, a reprieve was won for the streets opposite and the new covered shopping centre cleverly worked in behind. Bold Street and Ranelagh Street are now lively. attractive and popular places to shop in a way that the new concrete shopping precincts could

MARCUS BINNEY

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

 International street musical festival: More than 100 musicians taking part in samba, jazz and steel bands, plus the Trinidad Tent Theatre. Riverside, Richmond, Surrey. Toafter indi

day, tomorrow, 2-5pm, free. Smithfield fair: Victorian attractions and entertainments, plus barrel races, tug-of-war, stalls, sideshows and Morris dancers. Smithfield Market, London EC1. Tomorrow, 1-5pm, free.

• Family fun day: Arena events, craft fair, clowns. Punch and Judy, sideshows and bands. Waltham Forest Town Hall, For est Road. London E17. Tomorrow

noon, £1.50, child free. • The Alexandra Palace grand concert organ: First public performance on the Willis organ since the Thirties. Two recitals: 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4.30pm. Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22. Tomorrow, £10 (information 081-444 9135).

• Kettering carnival: Charity pa rade through town in aid of the blind, with 31 floats and nine Kettering, Northamptonshire. To-

day. Leaves Grange Estate Ipm. arrives Wilson's Terrace about

NEXT WEEK

 Chinnery and the China Coast An exhibition of 70 paintings by European and Chinese artists, working in south China during the 19th century. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SWI. Mon to Sept 7, during

normal opening hours. ● Milton Keynes international folk festival: Six days of music and

dance groups. Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire. Further information, Civic Offices (0908 682682) and Woughton Leisure Centre (0908 660392).

• Green Belt 1990: International Christian festival with musicians, writers, performers and poets.

Castle Ashby Park, Northampton Fri-Mon (071-700 6585).

• Syon craft show: Around 200 stands with craft demonstrations, including the Guilds of Sussex and Surrey Craftsmen. Family entertainment, folk music. Also a garden centre, butterfly house, and Syon Park, Brentford, Middleses

Thurs-Mon, 10am-6pm, £3, child £1, under-5 free.

• Festival of Furness Abbe Largest outdoor festival of mus and theatre in the north of England. Highlights include 12 performances of Jesus Christ Superstar, celebrity concerts, soul singers and jazz. Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. Mon to Sept 11 (0229 811409).

JUDY FROSHAUG

Help: John Fisher, animal behaviourist

The real hound inspector

THERE is one sure way to deal with a recalcitrant rottweiler or a bad-tempered beagle, according to John Fisher, an animal behaviourist, and that is to show that you are the top dog.

No dog is too difficult to tackle for Mr Fisher. a former police and prison service dog handler.
"When a dog is brought to see me I establish two basic rules," he says. "One, that he can have food I give it - but can never take it. Second. another dominancy rule, that I always go through a door first." To hammer home the first rule

he uses a sound-aversion technique, so that every time a dog tries to take food it is not supposed to a training disc emits a painful noise. The second rule he implements by slamming a door so it iust misses the nose of any dog foolish enough to try to squeeze through in front of him. "He may try it three times but on the fourth he will step back," says Mr Fisher, a member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Consultants.

Mr Fisher will advise on everything from where your pet should



sleep to how to make it less jealous of a new baby. As regards the latter, he says: "One family had a boxer which jumped up and tried to scratch the child. I discovered the dog loved white chocolate, so I gave it some whenever the baby was around, and made it sit in

order to get it. After that it sat

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One place a guard dog should not sleep is outside in the garden, because the dog will think of this as its territory, and not the house. and will just look at the funny man climbing into the window".

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Liverpool area. The former news

have approved, now offers the full

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vices, while the rotunda beyond.

formerly the library, is the fourth

of the new philately centres where

customers can go on to buy the best that Stanley Gibbons can

offer for their stamp albums, and a

Mr Fisher believes that a dog's diet can have a crucial influence on its character. "I recently saw a bearded collie which had become very aggressive towards its owner who was feeding it an inexpensive tinned food and white rice. changed the animal to an American whole food diet for dogs, and it has been a different dog.

People most often take their pets to an animal behaviourist because of aggressiveness and destructiveness. "not that these are the most common problems. but because they are the ones people feel the need to control" Mr Fisher says. He charges £40 for a two-hour

session plus follow-up advice. Appointments are ideally made through referral by a veterinarian. "If I need to see a dog on a second occasion I don't charge," he says. He also offers free advice by

His basic principle is that you should be regarded by your dog as the leader of the pack: you have the right to sleep in its bed and share its food (and should even. occasionally, pretend to exercise these prerogatives by sitting in the dog basket and making the dog wait until you have finished eating before allowing it to take the leftovers) - but the dog should never assume it has the right to share yours.

VICTORIA MCKEE • John Fisher, Greengarth, Maddox Lane, Bookham, Surrey KT23 3HT (0372 57854). His leaflet "The Dog in the Human Pack" is £2, plus sae.

Squaring up to an inner city threat

Roger Phillips is a

man with a mission to protect London's

garden squares

WHEN a property developer sent a landscape architect to explain plans to build a car park underneath one of London's prettiest garden squares, they were both in for a surprise. For the representative of the residents of Eccleston Square, in Pimlico, was Roger Phillips, the nature photographer and a man who loves

London's garden squares.

The author of many best selling books on plants, including the definitive Wild Flowers of Britain, Mr Phillips was dead set against the car park - and went on to do something about it.

The proposal was for the build-ing of a three-storey underground car park for 900 cars with all the attendant lifts, air vents, special fire equipment and ramps. Six 150-year-old London plane trees would have been uprooted and at least 30 or 40 others would have been damaged.

Mr Phillips was appalled and started researching the legal background with such vigour that within a month he had formed the Society for the Protection of London Squares. As chairman, he aims to examine all 461 squares listed in the 1928 Royal Commission on London Squares. which led to the Preservation of



Not in my back yard: Roger Phillips helps maintain his Pimlico square

London Squares Act 1931. Sixty years ago, most of these gardens squares belonged to the great private landowners, such as the dukes of Westminster and Bedford. Since then, many of the houses and the gardens have been sold, some to developers.

Mr Phillips found that most residents were unaware of their rights and did not know the name of the freeholder of their garden. He also discovered that leases are being granted without proper clauses to guarantee access to the gardens and without provision for payment of garden rates (usually

compulsory for maintenance and in addition to poll tax). Local and central government are wary of legislating against underground development, and preservation laws protect only surface buildings and trees. Developers can often present a plausible case to a local authority for a car park, thereby turning an oasis of greenery in an inner city into a semi-industrial site. "Profits from building one car park could amount to between £5 and £30 million," Mr Phillips says. The residents of one square cannot combat this kind of financial muscle single-handed.

Originally a cookery and food photographer, Mr Phillips has written and produced photographs for books on trees, grasses, mushrooms, bulbs, shrubs and wild food, with world-wide sales

He has his studio at his home and is personally involved in the square's garden. There is one fulltime gardener, with part-time help, but Mr Phillips cares for part of it himself. .

He has planted many varieties of camelia and hopes to plant some of the willows which would once have been grown in the

surrounding district.

The garden has an income of about £24,000 a year, raised by a garden rate of £65 per household within the square and supple-mented by fees from 75 other local residents who have the right to use the garden.

WHEN the society has updated the information in the 1928 Royal Commission, it hopes to persuade the government to draft a new act, taking into account the environ-mental issues and changes of

ownership.
Mr Phillips is confident that any political party will give him support: "It's a green issue — no one has to dirty their hands," he

says.

The developer has withdrawn the plan to build under Eccleston Square. The society believes that such car parks lead to even worse traffic congestion in inner London, increase the air and noise pollution and create an environment conducive to crime.

The contribution that these gardens make to the environmental balance is impossible to quantify.

GERALDINE RANSON ● The Society for the Protection of London Squares, 15a Ecclesion Squares, 15a Ecclesion Square. London SW! (071-834 8654), has heard from the representatives of about 80 London squares but would like to hear from others. Wild Flowers of Britain, by Roger Phillips (Pan, £12.99).

Take a leaf from the streetwise stroller

Guides with removable maps are pointing

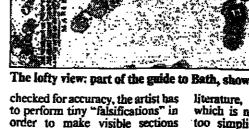
the way ahead for urban and rural walkers

THE walking world is becoming ringbound, and a very good thing it is, too. In the space of a few months two shelf-warping collections of strolls have appeared in file form: a rural one from the Automobile Association and Ordnance Survey, and an urban one from Reader's Digest. This is clearly the way ahead.

Their beauty is that you can light on your chosen route, detach it from the file and slip the single sheet into a transparent folder. The Digest machine has produced a quarter of a million copies of

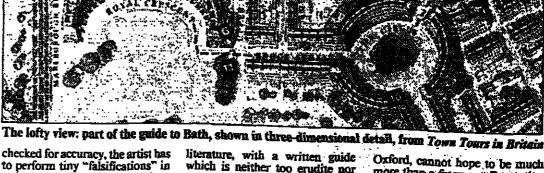
Town Tours in Britain (£25.95). and expects 10 sell them all. The arrival of such a volume is a

reminder that townies can do some rewarding legwork without breaking bounds. There are 200 suggested town routes, illustrated by three-dimensional aerial maps. which only a giant such as the Digest could contemplate, for they cost a fortune to produce. The company's art department works from a number of aerial photographs taken from different vantage points, and produces a line drawing. Once this has been



hidden behind buildings. In the course of the guide's 18month gestation, the pictures have to be checked to discover buildings which have already been, or are about to be, added and which

ones have been demolished. This is good, middle-ground



which is neither too erudite nor too simplistic. Yet what works well in the smaller, discrete towns does so more imperfectly, more tantalisingly, in the larger ones. The reason for this is that since the

more than a fragment. But such a reservation is only the classic walker's complaint of wanting to know what happens beyond the bits that are shown, and of trying to encompass the whole of a maps are framed around the walks location with the mind's eye if not themselves rather than the towns. the soles of the feet. the versions offered of, say, Bristol or Newcastle, or even York or

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not far away from their first - particularly when their first is a magnificent former parsonage with a sauna, massage room and stables? "Privacy," says Rosemary Conley, the high priestess of the Hip and Thigh diet, who runs Rosemary Conley Enterprises from what were once the servants' quarters in the anic of her home in Leicestershire. "There are so many people coming in and out of the parsonage because of the business that we wanted to get away to somewhere where we could be just the two of us, just Mr and Mrs Mike Rimmington is her second

The second secon

husband, and younger than Ms Conley - 30 to her 43. They met on a pony-trekking holiday seven years ago. She has a daughter, Dawn, aged 15, from her previous marriage, who helps her to run the exercise classes she still manages to teach at a Leicester hotel Dawn lives with her father for part of the week and with her mother for the

Mr Rimmington, who used to market chemicals, now markets his wife. After having been in "the big time", as she puts it, when she started and ran the Successful Slimming And Good Grooming (SAGG) empire, with some 600 clubs around the country, Ms Conley is determined not to let her present business interests expand to the point where she and her husband can no longer comfortably keep personal control.

The new acquisition looks more like a street of cottages joined, higgledy-piggledy, under a gently undulating thatched roof. It is 140ft long, has exposed beams, several cosy, yet spacious, sitting rooms and an acre of garden that has taken more than 300 years of tending to get to its present state of velvety perfection.

The parsonage was being taken over by the people we have working for us there - two girls in the office, a part-time gardener, a woman who looks after the house, and one who does the ironing Ms Conley says. "It was Mike's idea to buy another house - partly as an investment - and I think

buy a second home not far away from their first away from

The cottage is separated from where we live and work without requiring a huge trek to get to, and we are quite happy to stay in the same general area where we can just potter around." Their second home is about half an hour's drive away, in either Ms Conley's Jaguar XJS or Mr Rimmington's Range Rover, which, like the cottage, are fruits of her best-selling diet books, which have spent more than 200 weeks on the charts and

sold more than two million copies.
"We are not summer holiday people, and hate beaches," she says. "We enjoy going away for a few days on our boat, which we keep moored by the parsonage, but I have enough of travelling from book tours.

"Nobody is going to have the telephone number here, and I'm certainly not going to run any exercise classes here" (a former exercise studio at the parsonage has been converted into office space in an attempt to further separate the business from their home life). The Rimmingtons do, however, keep a fax and computer at the hideaway — "just to keep in touch. We have to be practical.

"At first, we thought we'd do without a cleaner or a gardener, Ms Conley says, "but then we realised we would be spending too much time doing that instead of

The parsonage is in a village with a busy main road and "lots of noise about from the quarrying. They are also building a by-pass nearby. The cottage is in a very small, quiet, village with a post office that doesn't even sell milk. The feeling is very different."

They decamp sporadically and spontaneously, as the mood strikes them, and usually with their two alsatians. "We like to vary our weeks," Ms Conley says. Sometimes we just go for a day, sometimes for several.

But even if they go away for a weekend the Rimmingtons, both born-again Christians, make sure they are back in time for church on

They keep separate wardrobes



Relaxed: Rosemary Conley at the second home she bought to escape the pressures of the slimming business

at each home and try to observe in each certain pleasant rituals they have evolved during their marriage. That means having a three course meal on Saturday nights in the beamed dining room - low fat, of course - and opening a bottle of wine.

In contrast to the parsonage, which is furnished largely in reproduction furniture, the 17th century cottage has given them a taste for antiques, many bought at auctions and car boot sales. "I can't imagine hiring anybody to furnish a place for you," Ms Conley says, "unless you really don't have the time or the eye for it. It is so much fun to do it yourself."

The main sitting room has "a theme of birds" and other rooms have also been compiled around a conscious theme. The dining room was inspired by the willow

patterned crockery. The television

room is "the brass room". Ms Conley insists that her new cottage is not a sign that something was wrong in her existing set-up. "I'm not trying to escape." she says. "I just want to get more out of life. And in my sort of work you have to feel happy with yourself in order to succeed."

VICTORIA MCKEE

NEXT WEEK Country events

THIS WEEKEND

• Aldeburgh marine regatta and carnival: Today, children's lollipop hunt, lord mayor's garden party 6-8pm. Tomorrow, from llam, mini-marathon, country dancing, children's events. Songs of praise at 6pm. Art and craft show. Monday, swimming races and land sports, RNLI land-sea rescue demo in the morning, Carnival entries judged at 2.30pm, crowning of queen and procession from 3pm followed by carnival, Chinese lanterns and fireworks from 8pm and a disco. Fun fair open all three days.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk. St Catherine's fair: Medieval day with jugglers, minstrels, stroll-ing players, children's entertain-

St Catherine's Area, Frome, Somerset. Today. • Riddlesden fun day: Stalls, barbecue, children's games, fair and

nony rides. Riddlesden Hall, Bradford Road, Keithley, West Yorkshire (0535 607075). Today, 1-5pm.

• Emmetts country fair: Radio show in the morning, craft stalls, demonstrations, country dancing and jazz throughout two days. Royal Marine band. Emmetts Garden, Ide Hill, Seven-

oaks, Kent. Today 10am-5.30pm, tomorrow 11am-5.30pm, £2, child

• 1990 Spectacular. To celebrate airborne forces' fiftieth anniver-sary, arena events, sideshows, parachute and helicopter displays, bands and RAF dog display team. Nostell Priory, Doncaster Road, near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, (0924 863 892). Tomorrow, 10am-5pm, £2.50, child £1.

• Seawatch Sunday: Skuas, Shearwaters and other marine birds and possibly seals and porpoises should be seen.

RSPB, Bempton Cliffs Nature Reserve, near Bridlington, Humberside. Tomorrow 9am-4pm, £1, child 50p. Bournemouth kite festival: Take

your own kite and learn stunt flying techniques. Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth. Tomorrow, 10am-6pm, free.

• Holiday steam weekend: Free train rides, freight train demonstrations. Iron Ore Mines Sidings, Ashwell Road, Cottesmore, Leicestershire.

Today, tomorrow, 11am-5pm, £1.50, child 75p. ■ Viennese night: The Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, foilowed by fireworks. Audley End, near Saffron Walden, Suffolk. Tomorrow, gates open

6pm. concert 7.30pm, £6.50 and £7.50 (0898 202023). O Victorian navy days: Recreation of life aboard the first iron battleship, HMS Warrior, HMS Warrior, Victory Gate, Na-

pick up whatever tips he can. State-of-the-art koi pools sel-

chickens. We were given a bantam hen and chicks, and sternly warned to cull the cockerels as soon as puberty struck: three randy young bantam cocks pursuing a couple of maiden hens are not conducive to a peaceful farmyard. Not having the skill or the inclination to wring a chicken's neck, i built a wirenetting run and put them in it until an executioner could be

plan had been hatched: the boys were under the wire, free and crowing in defi-ance. I have now decided on a new approach to poultry keeping. I shall fence in the veg-etables instead, since they are slower on their

chickens have their freedom until fat enough for the pot. Just how I shall strike I do not know, but my new farming motto is: never admit failure, call it a change of policy. The heifers are a

more serious business. They are three young Red Poll cows with a prize-winning pedigree worthy of Debrett, and for financial as well as protocol reasons they deserve royal treatment. Being of an oldfashioned breed, they will make do on meagre rations. However, ! decided that simply making do on arid grass was not good enough for them, and that they must go to pastures new.

when they first arrived the cows were wild enough for a western rodeo. An outstretched hand had them galloping away in fright, a muttered word in their silky, red ears made their eyes roll in terror. But not any longer. The girls have succumbed to my charms. I have learnt two things about cows: that they are curious, and that they are anybody's for a bucketful of oats.

Every morning for a week I rattled the bucket, let them get the scent of oats, and stood still. Day one got no response. By day three they were within an inch, by day seven we had made friends. After that, I built a pen out of rusty old gates in the corner of the field, backed the lorry in and the girls ambled up the ramp, as happy to be on the road as a load of children on a school outing. No change of

Cock flight at the KO corral

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

WILD geese are not the only creatures which can lead a man on a hopeless, heartbreaking chase. Since I took on this farm almost every animal has shown equal talent. Animals are not a problem when they are contentedly munching their way across the landscape; the trouble arises when they have to be moved to another part of it and do not want to go.

There is often no choice. In our case, the heifers had to be put on to fresh grass or they would starve; the sheep had to be robbed of their sweltening fleece or they would melt. Then there were the

found. Within minutes an escape

feet, and let the

As I reported some weeks ago.

policy needed there.

The sheep, however, are a different matter. Our small flock known for its wildlife. I would care to bet, however, that nothing on this isolated wetland is as wild as our flock of young sheep. Despite the conquest of the cows, I am beginning to think that having so much youthful stock is one of the main problems of starting a farm. Every animal is going through its teenage delinquency at a time when the poor fledgling farmer really needs mature, stable, motherly beasts around him.

Anticipating the problem of catching sheep without a dog, last Christmas we bought an orphan lamb. The idea was to raise it on the bottle, make a pet of it until it believed it was human and would come when called. Once the lamb had been returned to a flock, we would only have to go down to the marsh, call its name, and it would come to us with the rest of the flock following in line as sheep co. We called our ewe lamb Shambles. This was prophetic.

Six weeks after she had been liberated, we went down to the marsh and called "Shambles!". Disturbed birds

took flight, but not one sheep's head raised itself from the grazing position. "Shambles!" I shouted again, loud encuen to sur the rabbits this time. Not a flicker. Then we made a fatal mistake: we decided to try to round up the flock ourselves.

I had with me a broad-chested chap who has Olympic aspirations and could be said to be "in training", and an elderly marshman, past retire-

get behind the flock and edge them forward while the other two steered them in the direction of the gate. When I banged my stick lightly on the ground, the flock fled as if I had fired a starting gun. The athlete advanced with arms and stick outstretched to head them off, a human barrier. The bleating horde jumped, one by one, over his arm. He swore. They were heading for the marshman now. "I was in the war," he shouted, readying himself for the battle. "Gallipoli, I was at." The enemy charged, jinked around him, and advanced victorious towards the horizon, the traitorous Shambles leading the column.
"I'll head 'em off," the old boy shouted and using his detailed knowledge of the marsh, shot into the bracken like a stormtroopei

No sooner was he into the undergrowth than the sheep were out the other side, hellbent on inflicting further humiliation on the athlete. They were panting by now, but not half as much as we were. We gave up. In a mere 30 minutes, a small flock of sheep had got the upper hand of their alleged master, a Desert Rat and an Olympic hopeful. Remembering that all problems can be solved by the adoption of a new policy. I have reached a decision: this farm is going to have a sheepdog. I have reached another decision. It will lives on a grazing marsh which is not be a young one.

Breeding

Koi, the weight in gold fish

THE ultimate status symbol in Japan is a prize-winning koi pool. Koi is the Japanese word for carp, but not just any old kind. In a country where breeding the fish has evolved into an art, it has been known for an exquisitely coloured specimen to fetch £250,000.

This was paid by a koi keeper a few years ago for a 32in long red and white kohaku, one of about 13 highly prized koi colour types, used for breeding. Others include the red and black hiutsuri and the pure white parachina. Many koi devotees say the tinsho kohaku is the most coveted. This is also a white fish, but with a red circle on its forehead.

Richard Morgan is among the first in Britain to experiment with breeding koi commercially, but he says: "Nobody this century will succeed in producing koi to the Japanese standards.

Britain's warmer summers are proving conducive to koi-keeping and building up the young fish for their first winter. Mr Morgan is working towards acquiring brood stock, which involves an outlay of at least £5,000 a fish. The more routine stocking of lakes, aquariums and garden centres around Britain with 500,000 more common native fish each year, such as carp and tench, makes venturing into deeper koi waters possible.

Next spring Mr Morgan will visit Japan for the first time to see the best of formal outdoor koi pools for himself, obtain stock and

dom hold fewer than ten fish, which can be tamed by their owners to feed from the hand. Koi live to 25 years in ideal conditions. Since opting for the fish course at agricultural college, Mr Morgan



Going for gold: Richard Morgan and a kohaku from his koi pool

has been coming to terms with one can really call himself a fish farmer until he has lost a million fish. Mr Morgan hopes it will not be his koi which slip through the safety net.

A female about 2ft long can produce between 200,000 to 300,000 eggs but in natural mating conditions only 5 per cent of these are likely to become fingerlings, as the little fish are appropriately called once they reach the length of a finger. "When farming them you can look at, perhaps, a 30 per cent success rate, but out of that you may get only one fish in a thousand that would make show

quality," Mr Morgan says. At the beginning of the year he separates male and female fish. Both get plentiful feeding and about mid-April to May they are introduced into one pond where, although separated by a perforated screen for four to five days, they can see and smell each other.

Once a female is ready to drop her eggs, she is anaestheused so that they can be physically stripped out. The eggs are treated with milt (sperm) from two males, in case of sterility in one, and after hatching in troughs the tiny fish are fed for their first five days on egg yolk sieved through muslin. At this stage they are just half the length of a drawing pin," Mr Morgan says. For a further four to six weeks they are fed on live plankton and after that, in the pond, they can be given pelleted high-protein food. In a natural pool the fish double their size ечегу уеаг.

Koi are also available from Israel, China and America but these are rather more common types, hoi polloi often costing a few pounds from garden centres. Japanese koi need to be kept in special pools with actively filtered crystal-clear water and no plants. Such a root, 30ft by 20ft, might cost around £15,000 to install.

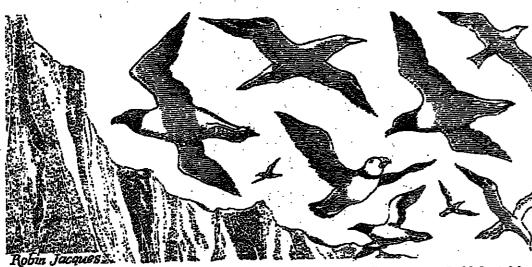
Cyprinids, the family to which koi belong, need warm water to grow, as well as a lot of carc. They should not be fed in winter unless the pool is heated. Summer feeding normally begins around March and once the temperature rises above 10C.

Humans are the biggest predators and many koi keepers have to instal sophisticated anti-theft devices to protect their fish.

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Feather report

Take a stand, there are strangers in paradise



Flights to fancy: the razorbill, gannet, kittiwake, guillemot and puffin are among the birds at risk

ODD, isn't it? Conservationists always seem to be cast as fuddyduddies, stick-in-the-muds, Canutes defying the tide of modern

The people whom conservationists oppose portray themselves as righteous folk on the cutting edge of progress: people with the long-term good of the human race at heart; people whose thinking is too advanced for such silly, backward and emotional people as conservationists.

After all, conservationists merely want to keep things as they are - so people think, anyway. But their opponents favour change, are a dynamic, forwardthinking bunch of zappy, rightminded modernists. As a notion, this is completely upside down. But these people still airily and

effortlessly claim the moral high ground. The energy department, for example, is prepared to threaten what is good, important and necessary for the sake of a specious notion of progress. The people there seem unaware, as they prepare to threaten the finest seabird colony in England, that it is they who are the fuddy-duddies, that it is conservationists who

look to the future. The issue at Flamborough Head, Humberside, is gas exploration. The energy department has asked for bids from exploration companies for the "block" of sea off Flamborough Head, which has a quite remarkable seabird colony, one of international importance. In May and June, the cliffs explode with life. Three per cent of the entire north Atlantic popula-tion of kittiwakes nest there: 90,000 pairs. There are 32,000 guillemots, 7,600 razorbills, and 7,000 puffins.

There are also more than 1,000 gannets, There are few birds better

to watch than gannets: their noisy nesting colonies are as full of incidents as soap opera, their interaction, with their curious "skypointing" recognition displays, is enthralling. Their method of fishing is heartstopping — they dive like terrible medieval weapons, headfirst into the sea from about 100 ft, their spear-pointed

bill crashing into the water with frightening force. All in all, then, Flamborough Head is worth preserving. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has a reserve there, at Bempton, and has just spent £74,000 on extending it with a further half-mile of cliffs and 15 acres of clifftop land. The society already owned two and a quarter

miles of clifftop. The reserve attracts 100,000 visitors a year: it is almost alone



Threatened by gas: Flamborough Head is worthy of preservation

tion of seabirds just a short stroll away from a car park. The Nature Conservancy Council (NCC) has the job of advising

the government on environmental issues. The energy department is keen to stress it has "taken on board" such advice. The nub of the advice is that drilling close to the colony is an unnecessary risk to an internationally important site. The energy

department has, therefore, thrown

in a series of restrictions.

A licence to explore will restrict drilling to five months of the year, and it will require companies to use water-based rather than oilbased lubricants. It must show contingency plans for such potential disasters as oil spills. There is to be no drilling within a kilometre of the chiffs. However, the seabirds travel 30 kilometres out to sea in search of food. The seas off Flamborough Head are a vital feeding ground for 12 months

of the year. "It is unacceptable to place increased risk on the most important marine area in England," says Mark Tasker, the scabind specialist for the NCC. The energy department is "fully aware of the environmental sen-

sitivity of the area". But it is taking bids for the area anyway. A company that has a bid for the Flamborough "block" accepted will strike a solid blow against the cause of conservation. Its explorations will be clearly visible to the 100,000 visitors; not the finest publicity stunt in the world. The defence will be that such gas

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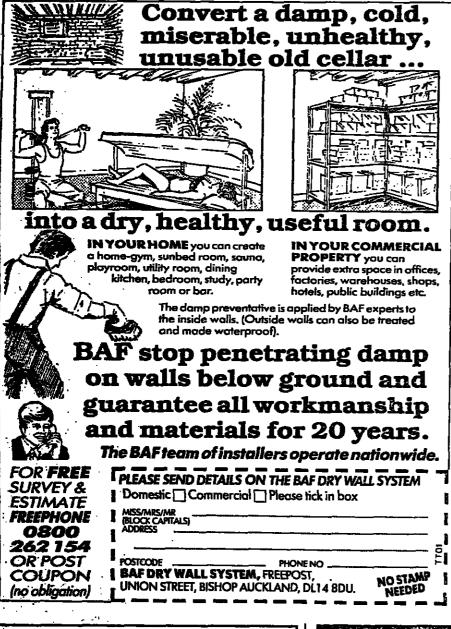
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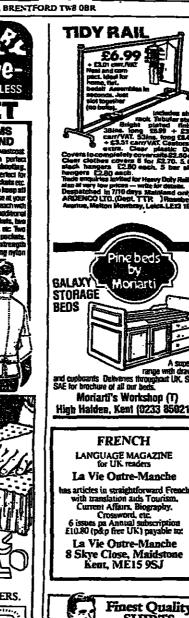
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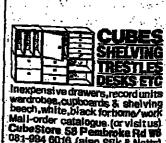
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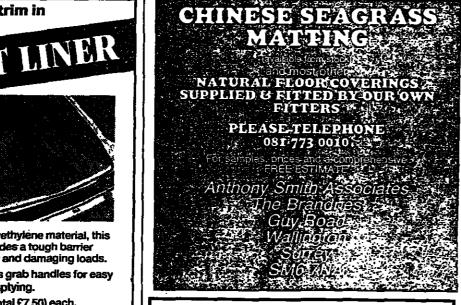
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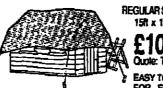
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Going with the natural grain

he furniture maker Rad Segri is deep green, at least in his philosophy. "I'm very in awe of the way trees grow," he says. "I've always found their natural lines timeless and peaceful to look at. They're not at all like other kinds. of superficial designs which go out

Trees are the inspiration for the organic furniture which Mr Segre and his partner, Barnaby Scott, make to commission at their workshop in Oxfordshire. Their path to the decision to establish their company, Waywood, four years ago, was winding.

Mr Segrt studied botany at University College, Oxford, while Mr Scott graduated in forestry and agriculture. Whereas Mr Scott is self-laught in furniture design, Mr Segrt took a course in carpentry and joinery. His first commission was a set of stools for a London wine bar where he played jazz guitar between classes. Yet even this first order embodied his philosophy that art should be usable and sculpture functional.

The Waywood partners work closely with clients to develop ideas. "My own feelings on what we should be doing with the planet are very strong," Mr Segrt says. "And more people seem to be realising that the shapes and imagery which trees provide are disappearing. Introducing these elements into furniture helps to retain them and bring them into the home. Our corporate clients as well as our private buyers tend to be the kind of people who want things to last for life."

ywood's organiclooking pieces in-clude a table, at about £1,600, a set of six chairs at £500 each, a sculptured chest, £600, and an elm bookcase, £1,400. Latest designs include a combined television and VCR cabinet, for about £2,500, and a dining table, £2,000 (all prices plus

All the furniture is made of temperate, not tropical, wood from Britain and Europe. Elin, oak, yew, sycamore, American and English walnut, burr eim and fruit woods like apple are typical of the timber chosen for its colour, texture and grain.

"Sources of timber are difficult to establish," Mr Segri explains. We like to use wood from sustainable sources — properly grown and harvested forests or storm-damaged trees. We have used tropical tambers in the past, but it is of great concern to us that what we use should not have been wantonly removed from the vorld's endangered rainforests. We look for supplies from properly managed tropical forestry operations which are still rare but must, we feel, receive encouragement from timber users."

John Makepeace, another furniture designer, says that timber remains the world's most im-portant renewable resource and the most energy-efficient structural material. His branchy-backed chairs and tables, with tree trunklike plinths, are a direct response to commissions from clients interested in bringing the natural environment into their homes.

"I've always been intrigued by designs which draw on nature for their inspiration," he says.



Rad Segrt working on a wych-elm chair: "We like to use wood from sustainable sources — properly harvested forests or storm-damaged trees



Nature study in wood; cedar throne for two (left) by John Makepeace, and a sculptured chest with natural hole in the wood, by Waywood, £500

dled in an industrial way in recent years and this is at odds with its gins and character.'

Mr Makepeace's workshop, in a 16th century manor house in Dorset, specialises in the use of cherry, yew, sycamore, holly and mulberry - chosen for their distinctive grain and colour. His designs are made up by a team of craftsmen and apprentices and although most are privately commissioned, some pieces are occasionally for sale.

"Britain is one of the largest net importers of timber. Yet we neglect our own woodlands," Mr Makepeace says. "Forestry is commonly thought to be uneconomic because we utilise so little for quality products and so much ends up as pulp."

Under Mr Makepeace's guidance the Parnham Trust, a registered charity, set up the School for Craftsmen in Wood in 1977 to provide an integrated two-year course in design, craftsmanship and business management.

young woodland from the Forestry Commission and last year founded Hooke Park college to research and teach the practical skills of integrated forest management, design, manufacturing and enterprise development.

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Originals: Martin Jones, falconer

Clothes for a

MARTIN Jones will spend most of the coming weeks flying his peregrine falcon at grouse in Scotland, and the rest of the time making the "furniture" that is a mainstay of the sport - bird hoods, lures, blocks, bells and falconers' gloves and gauntlets.

"When I first started in this business, I went with a suitcase full of the gear I make and sat in the fover of the Dorchester Hotel, in London, in order to meet Arab customers," he says. Since then he has supplied many royal families in the Middle East. London's leading gunsmiths are among his customers and he also runs a mailorder business from his home in Gloucestershire.

Falconry is becoming increasingly popular in Britain and there are now 6,000 keepers of raptors, or birds of prey (anything from a kestrel up), compared with a few hundred about 20 years ago.

Constant care and attention to the smallest details are vital, as a falcon can be worth £1,000. A tootight hood, even in the softest leather, could mean a damaged bird.

The traditionally shaped hoods are exquisite as well as practical. Beautiful plumes on the more elaborate boods are deceptively workmanlike, the feathers designed as handles. Hoods often incorporate throat straps to ensure that no shafts of light can enter to unsettle the bird.

Falconry accountements have evolved over 6,000 years to the epitome of simplified efficiency, and are not particularly expensive when compared with the equipment needed for other field sports, Mr Jones says. "You are talking about £200 a bird, at the most."



Birdman at work: Martin Jones preparing a leather hood for a falcon

Inside the aviary, correctly made perches are essential. Traditional falcon blocks are made of wood with a cork top, shaped to give the feel of a perch that the bird would encounter on rough terrain. Drainage gutters keep the bird's feet dry.

Jesses (short straps) attach the birds to their block and are made from soft calfskin in order not to damage the bird's legs, but eagle jesses are cut from immensely strong hide. Many of the jesses by which birds are connected to their falconer or perch are now made in nylon, as modern falconers have little time to spare to grease and care for leather ones.

Brass bells attached to the feet of falcons and the tails of hawks to keep track of the birds are being replaced by electronic devices costing about £500. Many traditional falconers, however, still use pairs of bells which should, ideally, be a semitone apart.

Lures made in leather are in all

shapes and sizes and Mr Jones supplies the cured wings of crows. pheasant, duck and starlings to complete the effect. Dummy rabbit lures for hawks and buzzards have pieces of meat attached to them when the birds are being trained or exercised.

His business evolved from his boyhood passion for birds of prey. 'I was at school in Yorkshire and was already fascinated by the surrounding moors. After a teacher who kept a falcon joined the school, I never wanted to do anything else that didn't involve falcoury." he says.

In addition to breeding falcons he also breeds English pointers, maintaining that good dogs are essential for good birds, "just as good horses make first-class

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I first became aware of ancient Cypriot pottery about three years ago at a shop in Camden Passage, north London, run by Ian Auld, a collector, dealer and former petter. He had a perky little jug decorated with a series of roundels or targets in reddish brown. It was obviously ancient, but did not

seem quite Greek. In fact, it was an Iron Age Cyprica piece, from the 7th century BC, and cost about £45.

antiquities from Cyprus is now restricted, but there are so many Iron Britain that they have attracted little financial attention from collectors so far. Even the much earlier and rarer Bronze Age vessels and figures have been obtainable here until recently, some having been

brought back during the 80 years of British occupation, as is evidenced by the collection built up by Desmond Morris, the anthropologist.

However, things are changing, which together fetched £1,100.

sources would be wise to ignore minor breaks and restorations. It is still possible to get slightly damaged but otherwise satisfying items from dealers such as Mr Auld for less than £200. Since many of the earlier examples were intended for graves, a certain amount of wear is to be expected.

The first Cypriot pottery dates from the beginning of the early Bronze Age, and consists of a fascinating series of handbuilt scepic groups of figures milking deer, grinding grain, ploughing and baking, and various multi-unit ritual vessels. One of the halimarks of Cypriot potters - their sense of fun - is already evident.

The first of the more common Cypriot wares are the "red polished" jugs, bottles, flasks, bowls and jars, which have incised patterns filled with chalk for contrast. Gradually, painted dec-



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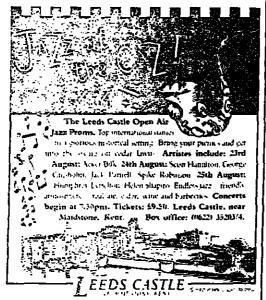
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STREET THEATRE: GLASGOW

Terror lurking out of doors

Jon Stock on Logos, the touring show of French street group Collectif Organon

im Coyle, a divisional commander of Strathclyde Fire Brigade, admits that street theatre is not his favourite type of entertainment. Firemen, at least, are expected to throw cold water on drama, particularly if it breaks out in crowded piazzas. The suspicion which the rest of the population harbours about street theatre is less logical. In France, it thrives in many forms, due partly to enlightened funding by the ministry of culture, but in Britain we still associate it with knifejuggling monocyclists wobbling around Covent Garden.

All credit to Coyle then, for sanctioning the appearance of Collectif Organon at Glasgow's third International Street Festival. The French company has recently terrified Europe with it thrilling show, Locos: theatre's most determined effort yet to bump off an entire audience.

Streetbiz, the organisers of the festival, knew that Locos would challenge Britain's strict notions of health and safety. So, first they decided to invite the Strathchyde fire brigade (and The Times) to see Collectif Organon perform in Utrecht, Holland. All are now happy that, with one or two modifications, the show can be put on safely in Glasgow.

Collectif Organon, a group of 35 performers who have never been seen in Britain, live communally in northern France. The French government pays the group subsistence money and often finances its travel abroad.

The group likes to arrive at a venue at least one week before their show, thus allowing the performers time to select a suitable area of wasteland on which to construct a vast, film-set village out of junk metal and wood, collected by the local council over the preceding months. In Glasgow, they will be steered towards a derelict industrial site next to the high street railway station.

The "village" is bordered off with hundreds of old doors joined together - the company used over. 750 doors in Utrecht, and is currently collecting frantically. Inside, people are free to wander around the sidestalls, which mix the darkest elements of Berlin cabaret with the candylloss innocence of an Epsom funfair. For further information. contact
The late-night audience in Streethiz on 041-204 4059.

Utrecht was welcomed by a distracted man with a megaphone. Standing high up on a tilting wooden balcony, he directed a tirade of French abuse at passersby, daring them to enter the labyrinthine construction (made out of doors) which towered behind him. Five people were chosen at a time, his random criteria a clear parody of some of the more severe nightclub door policies. "Are you two boyfriend and girlfriend?" he would ask.

the master. Ha ha ha!"
At one sidestall, "Chez Gino's", a mass of heavy-duty cable led from two throne-like electric chairs to a central, crackling fuse box. Gino announced that only one of the chairs was wired up. Unfortunately, he was not sure which one. He asked for a volunteer to sit in the left-hand chair. On the right, a straw-stuffed dummy stared out at the crowd. A girl stepped forward and took her place. The fuse box crackled again.

"Good. You can come up, you

stay behind. Separation and then desperation. This is my club. I am

There was something about the menacing electrical hum and Gino's manner - Dr Faustus mixed with a dash of Tommy Cooper - that made the girl shift uneasily. Even though everyone knew it was a joke, there was a sense that something could go wrong. A cable with a switch was passed around, until someone took the role of state executioner. The dummy exploded, terrifying everyone except the girl, who looked across at the empty chair, sighing with relief.

Other stalls included a wall of death which got perilously close to the real thing, a wheel of fortune with no numbers, spun by women dressed as chickens, and a huge, Heath Robinson flying machine, consisting of a suspended harness and two birds' wings operated by arms. A volunteer would swing around helplessly, being showered with copious amounts of feathers.

The show's final, traumatic coup de théâtre cannot be disclosed without spoiling it for future audiences. Suffice it to say that there is a good reason why they need new building materials every time they put on Locos, "We can never complete the show," says one of the group. "We are always trying to find new ways to finish it, but it is not possible. In Glasgow, that show will be crazy."

 The Glassow International Street Festival runs from August 11-26. Collectif Organon will be appearing on Saturday 18 August at 9.30 pm. **EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: CABARET**

Sultry songs and talent galore

Debra Craine talks to actress Honor

Blackman, whose one-woman show about

Yvette Guilbert opens next week

f Honor Blackman had been a flat-chested brunette, her career might have taken a completely different turn. But as a young, well-endowed blonde actress, she was snapped up by the cinema and went on to make her name as a star of the big - and small - screen. Now, more than 40 years later, she returns to the stage in the greatest theatrical challenge of her career, taking a one-woman show to the Edinburgh Festival next week. In Yverte - the Life and Times of Yvette Guilbert, Blackman brings to life the story of the French singer who rose from the gutter to become the toast of Paris café society in the 1890s.

To a solo piano accompani-ment, Blackman's two-hour monologue intersperses narrative with some of the risqué songs that brought Guilbert to such fame that she was painted by Toulouse-Lautrec, and counted Freud, Verdi and Edward VII among her admirers. The subjects of her songs were the drunks, the whores and the murderers of the demi-monde, the colourful low-life of turn-of-thecentury Paris. The wit and innuendo of her songs appealed to everyone, no matter what their class, and, according to the actress, "although Guilbert wasn't respectable enough to be seen in public by the upper classes, she made masses of money entertaining in private homes.'

The idea for a one-woman show



Immortalised: Toulouse-

director Richard Digby Day sug-gested Guilbert as the ideal subject. Blackman was instantly attracted. "She was the most intriguing woman. She was really a unique character because there were a lot of other people doing case concert work then, but nobody crossed the boundaries that she did. She established an entirely new style. When she set about cafe concert, it was all tits and teeth where the women were concerned, and she brought a new satirical, witty strain to it."

Unlike that other great French singer, Edith Piaf, Guilbert was much more an actress, an observer of other people's lives, not a performer prone to public confessions. "What was so strange about her was that she apparently seemed to have a great straightness and purity, and that's why, when she sang the risqué stuff, it was so astonishing. She wasn't your oomph girl at all."

But like Piaf, Guilbert suffered a terrible childhood, and was raised by her mother in extreme poverty in Paris. Fame brought her wealth and security, although she never stopped working until her death in 1944, despite being dogged by ill health. "She was an absolute glutton for work," says Blackman. She believed that anything can be achieved if you just try. She really was a very gutsy lady.

Immortalised by Toulouse-Lautree, Guilbert nevertheless hated the way he painted her. "She had a great long neck and a turned up nose." Blackman comments. "She was very far from pretty, but she was furious with Lautrec because he made her look such a freak. She was also very conscious that she didn't have any bosom and would have loved to have had one. In fact, they say that part of the reason that she had a kidney problem was that she used to corset herself so tightly to give herself a bosom." Physical attributes were also

crucial to Biackman's own career, which began in 1946 when the actress, then a Rank "charm school" graduate, was typecast as an English rose in a succession of forgettable films. "Certainly in those days, being blonde and being bosomy was a tremendous advantage," she says, "All that was demanded of one was to be sexy and gorgeous. I was a sweetly innocent sort of person and always played English roses; it wasn't until The Avengers that I got all



Honor Blackman: "In those days . . . all that was demanded of one was to be sexy and gorgeous."

The hit television series reinvented the actress as an assertive, leather-clad, judo-kicking Cathy Gale, an image which struck a popular chord in the Swinging Sixties. Then came Pussy Galore in the 1964 James Bond film, Goldfinger, and Blackman's career as a "tough lady" was set. Even today, 25 years later, the image is inescapable. "When they write my obituary, I've no doubt it'll be Pussy Galore and Cathy Gale they remember," she bemoans. "I used to be cross about it, but not anymore. If it made an impression, one must be gracious

Her professional life could have taken a very different turn if films had not intervened. "I was asked to play Juliet by Peter Brook and I'd just signed a film contract with

Rank which I couldn't get out of, so I had to say no." Instead, she made Daughter of Darkness, and "for a piece of rubbish, maybe I gave up a career as a classical actress. I don't really regret anything, but it would be interesting to know.

Despite not having trained as a singer, and "having a voice like a foghorn", Blackman has done her fair share of stage musicals, starring on the West End in The Sound of Music, On Your Toes, and, most recently, Nunsense. For Yvette, she has worked hard on her voice, "practising in my padded loft to avoid upsetting the neighbours". The challenge of a onewoman show is to get through it without forgetting any lines, and Blackman admits to being terrified, although "the moment you start, there's so much to concentrate on you can't worry about

After the Edinburgh run of Yvette, the actress returns to television when a new series of the popular ITV comedy, The Upper Hand, begins filming in November. But, after performing Yvette on the road over the past two years, Blackman would like to bring the show to London. She is eager to return to the theatre. "In television, you have time to rebearse, and in films you get the most money. But I think the theatre will always win because it gives you the charge of immediate contact and because you get something back from it.'

● Yvette — The Life and Times of Yvette Guilbert opens at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street. Edinburgh (031-225 5756) on

One man and his dogged talent

PARTIE THE PROPERTY. Stunning the Punters/Lament for Arthur Cleary/ Femme Fatale Marco's/Traverse/ Assembly Rooms Edinburgh

CYNICALLY suspecting a combination of egomania and cheapskating, many critics tend to steer clear of the one-man shows which proliferate on the fringes of the Fringe However, Stunning The Punters, a triple bill of world premières by Steven Berkoff, Robert Sproat and Dostoevsky, performed by George Dillon, is a compelling piece of theatre; make haste to Marco's Leisure Centre, dodging squash players and dubious smells to catch it.

George Dillon looks rather like Berkoff (gaunt, bony), but what makes him an ideal Berkoff

tone in mid-sentence, to catch the sudden falls from purple mockheroism to raspberry-blowing bathos. The first, piece, Master of Cafe Society, is the monologue of an out-of-work actor. The glorification of physical sensations, from the munching of a sandwich to the feel of phlegm in a Kleenex, and the scurnilous descriptions of parents (mum repeating phrases like a cracked record, dad stuck to the TV like a fly to paper) cannot hide a growing sense of futility and desperation. Dillon, directed by Laurence Boswell, catches both the mocking, vital energy and the, despair to perfection.

The title piece by Robert Sproat is a jaunty account of the outbreak of racism on an estate in north London. Dillon is an ex-skinhead with an engaging but forced grin. Sproat just lets him tell his story, about a graffiti spree which ends in the death of a skinhead, without comment. We are left to try to account for a monstrous hatred which seems almost unconnected with the people who express it, but which, Sproat suggests, is better

By far the longest part of the triptych is Dostoevsky's The Dream of a Ridiculous Man. Consisting mainly of a would-be suicide's redemptive dream of a world without sin, it is also the least obviously dramatic, but Dillon manages to express the Himalavan emotional range of Dostoevsky's character, from ecstatic wonder at an innocent world to horrified disgust at his own contagious imperfection, in a remarkable performance. No epitaph for this actor, let him be granted more work in better places.

My prize for best production on the Fringe goes to David Byrne for the most imaginatively staged and impeccably acted The Lament for Arthur Cleary, a new play by the young Irish writer Dermot Bolger. The play itself starts promisingly: Cleary is a migrant worker who returns to Dublin after ten years abroad to find it horribly changed. The scene moves from border post to disco to housing estate (all effortlessly suggested in Ned McLoughlin's design by a single slatted bed/door); the dialogue has humour and the true pulse of life.

THEATRE

Danton's Death

St Bride's, Edinburgh

AFTER several years of distin-

guished service on the fringe, Communicado has been given a

slot in the Festival proper and, on

the evidence of its Danton's

Death, fully deserves the promo-

tion. Here is a company which has

taken creative chances, used its

theatrical imagination and

evolved an idiom that is all its

own. The intellectual complexities

of Buchner's play emerged more

sharply in the National Theatre's

revival a few years back, but the

dark excitement of 1794 is better

step forward, or Danton and his

Unfortunately, after Cleary's meeting with 18-year-old Cathy (Hilary Fannin) in a disco (affectingly done), Bolger seems to write himself into a maudlin, all too Irish cul-de-sac of self-pity. Cleary (Brendan Laird) is too passive a character to command centre stage. But Owen Roe suggests the degeneration of modern Dublin in splendid sequence of sinister cameos as border guard, disco bouncer and fawning, high-voiced rent collector.

Given the subject of a compulsive transvestite who hides his foible from his wife for ten years, in Femme Fatale the Snarling Beasties resolutely avoid sentimentality, camp and psychoanalysis, and embrace an energetic behaviourism. Debbie Issitt (also the author) is the conventional housewife jabbering about Indian takeaways in mid-intercourse, Mark Kilmurry the husband drawn to his closet as if by magnetic force. Pain is not avoided; nor explained. Both entertaining and disturbing.

HARRY EYRES

chums sitting bleakly on a bench. waiting to be guillotined. The stage furniture is coarse, stark and coloured grey, brown or black, as

Laurie Ventry's hoarse, unsmiling, waxen-faced Robespierre - a strong performance, this — comes in a grey suit and a black sweatshirt, Robert Carr's Danton looks like some big, honest, stolid shop steward from the Clydeside shipyards, and unfortunately sometimes acts like one, too. The Falstaffian lust for life is missing. Carr's cry of "Oh lucky people when we can still get drunk" comes across as a motion for adjournment at a trades council meeting.

Yet he also exudes a rough power, and the evening as a whole, something more. Mulgrew has

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

SATURDAY

MAHABHARATA For those who missed the Peter Brook production. cerformance of the Indian ecic The Netherbow (Venue 30), 43 High Street (031-556 9579), today. 10am (ends 5.30pm), £8.50 (£6.50 concs). MEET THE AUTHOR Continuing the poor man's Book Festival. Today Marnaret Forster and Germaine Green (sold out). Tomorrow, in the same time slot, William Boyd. Royal Museum of Scotland (Venue 43), Chambers Street (031-225 1915), today 11.15am (ends 12.45pm), £3.50

♦ SCOTTISH CONTEMPORARY MUSIC/ECAT Two concerts celebrating modern Scottish composers and including semi-staged theatre pieces. In the morning: David Home's towards dharma. . . , Judith Weir's A Serbian Cabarel and Peter Maxwell Davies's Miss Donnithome's Maggot. in the afternoon: works including Lyell Cresswell's Le Sucre du Printemps and Peter Nelson's Tournoiements de Spectres. Queen's Hall. South Clerk Street (031-225 5756), today 11am (ends 1pm) and FULANI AND JUWON Last chance to

see the ice-cool rhythms of Fulani's Afro-jazz combined with the Nigenan performer Juwon's terrific pianoplaying. Caté Coste (Venue 31), 3 Robertson

Close, Cowgate (031-557 6849), today 12.30pm (ends 4pm), £3 (£2 concs). MR 800M The one-man band, a prime

highlight of the Festival as far as children are concerned. Bristo Square Piazza (Venue 12), Teviot Row (031-226 5257/5259), today 2pm (ends 3pm), free.

♦ GREEK TRAGEDY Mike Leigh's fascinating play about tension within the Greek-Australian community. performed by actors of the same background from the Belvoir Street Theatre. An unpretentiously assured production, although the te sometimes veers towards caricature Church Hill Theatre. Morningside Road (031-225 5756), today 2.30pm (ends 3.50pm) and 7.30pm. £5.50-£8.

FRINGE BINGE Fringe comedy and music as picked out for stardom by BBC Radio Scotland. Tomorrow (6pm) the light entertainment boys promise a night of the best comedy acts. Fringe Club (Venue 2), Teviol Row, Bristo Square (031-226 5257, right 031-667 2091), today 3pm (ends 5pm), free.

(031-228 2688), today 8.45pm (94 mins).

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Stephanie Billen's selective guide to the weekend's highlights at the Edinburgh Festival. Cabaret items by Carol Sarier.

The symbol ♦ indicates events that are part of the Edinburgh nternational Festiva Venue numbers refer to the map in the Fringe programme.

SUNDAY

FRINGE SUNDAY A Lark in the Park, as they call it. Get it all out of your system; turn up and be entertained by hundreds of Fringe performers. Holyrood Park, foot of the Royal Mile 1-226 5257/5259), loday 1pm (ends 5.30pm), free.

JAZZ FESTIVAL PARADE Marking the start of the Jazz Festival, a lively parads with over 30 bends, plus dancers and vintage cars.
From Regent Road, along Princes Street, ends at Grassmarket for a session. Today, starts 2pm, free.

♦ SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA Neeme Järvi, music director of the Detroit and Gothenburg Symphony Orchestras, returns to the orchestra of which he is Conductor Laureate for this performance of Enesco's Rumanian Rhapsody No 3. Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra and Khachaturian's Symphony No 2. Usher Hall, Lothian Road (031-225 5756), today 3pm (ends 5.05pm), 26-

A KISS ON YOUR KOEKSISTER Two dates only for Peter Dirk Uys, a masterly and subversive wit with daggers drawn against apartheid. Assembly Rooms (Venue 3), 54 George Street (031-226 2428), today 3.45pm (ends 5.30pm), tomorrow 6pm, 26 (25 concs). LICKERISH The National Student

Theatre Company's Darkle was a breath of fresh air at the Fringe last year. Now TV playwright Bill Gallagher provides the company's talest grisly work, a "revenge comedy" in which 'lickerish" has magical and disturbing powers. Well, it takes all sorts. . Assembly Rooms (as above), today 2pm (ends 3.15pm), £5 (£4 concs).

◆ DERIVES Philippe Genty's eagerly waited mixture of dance, mime and neer-nude puppetry. A spectacle tease the intellect, but also promisir an attack on the senses with its tricks of scale and perspective. King's Theatre, Leven Street (031-225 5756), today 7.30pm (ends 9pm), £5-

MOSE ALLISON SEPTET Appearing with the Eddie Condon Celebration Band and Circus Square Jazz Band tonight as part of the Jazz Festival's pot-pourri with the emphasis on traditional fare. Pianist Alkson is one of the most distinctive of the performers. having formed his peculiar style out of a fusion of jazz, classical, pop and blues. Royal British Hotel, Princes Street (031-225 5756), today 7 30pm (ends 11pm), £3 50.

♦ MONTSERRAT CABALLE The soprano performs pieces including Rossini's "Gran Dio, deh lu proteggi" and Debussy's "Beau soir" "Mandoline" and "Azae Azael. ...Pourquorm'as tu quitté?". With Miguel Zanetti, piano. Usher Hall, Lothian Road (031-225 5756), today, 8pm, £6-£13 50

NORMAN LOVETT Provided he can conquer a debilitating arrogance that assumes that absolutely everyone remembers who he is, we can look forward to masterful comedy in his unique, slowly-slowly style. ssembly Rooms (as above), today 8pm (ends 9pm), £5 (£4 concs)

THESE FOOLISH THINGS Bertrand Tavernier's English/French family the big screen after 12 years. "exceptional" and "delicate", it tells of the reunion that occurs with his estranged daughter after he has a heart operation. The director will be erviewed by Derek Malcolm at the Filmhouse Cinema 1, 4 15pm. meo Cinema, 38 Home Street (031-228 4141), today 8 45pm (105 mins), £4,

AVIA Avoiding the Soviet tendency to sound like a cross between Genesis and Sting, Ava presents a show which applies the miming, dance and acting techniques of the country's theatrical avant-garde with a hyperactive mix of ska, electro and marching band music. Assembly Rooms (as above), today 11.45pm (ends 1.15am), £6 (£5 concs).

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Absorbing: Laurie Ventry (left) and Robert Carr in Danton's Death

SATURDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

Babies (r) 8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester, Ross King and Charlotte Hindle visit Bedfont in Middlesex, where the charity event Splash for Starlight is raising money for terminally ill children. Phillip Schofield, Big Fun, Sonia and Kim Wilde are among the stars taking

10.50 Film: Prince Valiant (1954) stantog Robert Wagner, James Mason and Janet Leigh. Jolly romp around Arthurian England, with the stars doing what is expected of them and no real surprises. An exiled Viking prince, en route to Carnelot, stumbles across a ricked plot to topple King Arthur, Much demng do then results. Directed by

Henry Hathaway 12.27 Weather 12.30 Grandstand introduced by Desmand Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.35 Athletics: action from the West Berlin grand prix; 1.00 News; 1.05, 2.35 and 3.10 Golf: the third round of the NM English Open from fry: 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55 Racing from Newbury; 2.05 Motor Racing: the British Formula 3 championship from Oulton Park; 4.50 Final Score. Wales: 1.05, 2.35 and 3.10 Golf and Cricket: Glamorgan v India 5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weath

5.15 Regional News and Sport 5.20 Stay Tooned! Animated anarchy with Tony Robinson. This week he

nines the career of Droopy 5.45 The Flying Doctors: She'll be Right. More heroic drawling with the eirborne Antipodeans. Hurtle returns to Cooper's Crossing in fine style tonight, driving a Rolls-Royce no less. But the theit of the car brings him down to earth with a bump. Geoff and Sam think Paula is not taking her job seriously enough as the hospital radiographer.

6.35 'Alio 'Alio! Gorden Kaye as René carries on massacring the French language with his own brand of minding franglais in the BBC's attempt at a sort of Carry On Resisting (r).

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz presided over by Mike Smith. This week the resident team captains -Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunnstord are joined by Coronation Street's Amanda Barrie, Matthew Kelly, Ned Sherrin and Paula Wilcox. (Ce 7.30 Takeover Bid. Bruce Forsyth returns for another session with the guests

bidding for a star prize then

watching their dreams go up in smoke as they lose their bids. (Ceetax) 8.00 Miss Marple; 4.50 from Paddington, Mrs McGillicuddy (Mona Bruce) sees a murder on a passing train, but the absence of a body leads everyone to conclude she is se things. Enter Miss Marple, to prove everyone wrong. Starring Joan Hickson (r).(Ceetax)

9.50 News with Michael Buerk. Sport and

10.10 Match of the Day. Highlights of the traditional pre-season appetises with Liverpool and Manchester United, no strangers to Wembley Stadium, playing for the Tennent's FA Charity Shield. John Motson and Trevor Brooking provide the commentary



James Mason as Colonel Brandt (10.10pm)

11.00 Film: Cross of Iron (1977) starring James Cobum, James Mason and Maximilian Schell. The appailing slaughter in the hell-on-earth that was the Russian front in 1943 provides ideal material for Sam Peckingah to include his vast appetite for blood, gore and extensive use of the ketchup bottle. As per usual Peckinpah doesn't let too much plot get in the way of the action, but John Coquillon's photography is superb. (Ceefax) 1.05am Weather

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Ghost Train. This morning's programme is presented from a toy factory and features a visit from Rolf Harris and live music from Junior. Danii Minogue, Kylie's younger sister, makes an appearance, as does

Muschamp 111.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features John Lennon 12.30 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends. lan Tracey and Semmy Snyders star as Mark Twain's mischievous young

leighbours actress Jessica.

1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather 1.10 International Rugby, Highlights of the third and final game between New Zealand and Australia in the

Bledisloe Cup serie 2.10 Coronation Street. Omnibus edition

(r)
3.05 Film: No Kidding (1960, b/w)
starring Leslie Phillips, Geraldine
McEwan and Irene Hendi David Robinson and his family arrive at Chartham Place, a vast old house left to them by an aunt. Their first idea is to sell, then David hits on the idea of turning it into a holiday home for children of the rich ... and the trouble starts. A strained comedy with an agreeable cast, Directed by Gerald Thomas 4.40 Cartoon Time.

5.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

5.15 Disney Cartoon. Donald Duck - Sky

Traoper 5.25 Cannon and Ball's Casino. Game show with, this week, Gilbert O'Sullivan, Jesus Jones and John Levelten providing the light relief 6.10 Champion Blockbusters hosted by

Bob Holness 7.00 Sters in their Eyes. Five more lookalike and soundalike aspiring showbusiness stars compete for a place in next week's final including those trying to impersonate Alison Moyer, Barry Manilow and Cliff Richard. resented by Leslie Crowthe 7.30 Close to Home. A Matter of Decree. Paul Nicholas stars as James Shepherd.

a divorced London vet whose two children and ex-wife cause him more problems than most of his patients (r). (Oracle) 8.00 Captain James Cook. The second of the four-part drame about the life of the celebrated explorer. Following

the success of his first, eventful exploration to the Pacific, Cook is promoted to Captain and sets off on another voyage of discovery. With Keith Michall, Fernando Rey and Carol Drinkwater (r) 9.35 News with Fiona Armstrong. Sport

and weather 9.50 LWT Weather 9.55 International Boxing, From Bally's Casino in Las Vegas, Gary Newbon. introduces coverage of the WBO world middleweight championship bout between Britain's Nigel Benn and Iran Barkley of the United States. Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt provide the commentary

10.55 Pick of the Pilots. Denis Norden presents another selection of American television pilot shows that, for one reason or another, never made it any

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further 11.25 Spitting Image. Further highlights from the recent series of latex lampooning tonight featuring puppets of Billy Graham, Cliff Richard and Stock, Aitken and Waterman (r) 11,55 Tour of Duty. Sleeping Dogs.
Continuing the series about the lives of a

group of raw US Army conscripts during the Vietnam War 12.55am Film: Officeat (1960, b/w) staning William Sylvester and Mai Zetterling. An M65 undercover man infiltrates a . gang of this yes, but finds himself. npathising with them and fallingin love with the attractive widow. A sharply observed thriller directed by Cliff Owen

2.15 Film: The Fifth Victim (1983) starring William Devane, Eva Marie Soint and Karen Valentine, Police Lieufenant Quinn is already investigating four. murders by the "Roadside Kill when an unidentified woman is found in a shallow grave, nude andwith severe bruises on her neck. This time the victim survives, but her physical recovery is accompanied by a complet loss of memory. Directed by Ivan

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan visit Britain's clubs in search of the best

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Group Theory 7.15 Organic Chemistry: Chiral Synthesis 7.40 Form and Function of Fossils 8.05 Easter Worship: The Greek Liturgy 8.30 Genes, Goals and Supergoals 8.55 Putting IT in its Place 9.20 Evolution: The Picture Wings of Hawaii 9.45 Shakespeare: King Lear workshop 10.10 Images: Viewing with Electronics 10.35 Namibia: Territory thout a State 11.00 Policy-Ma in Education: The Oldham Experience 11.25 Evolution: Time for a Change 11.50 Design for Managers: The Flight of the Eagle. 12.15 Special Needs in Education: Pack Up Your Troubles 12.40 Mantegna: The Triumphs of Caes 1.05 Education: Time to Learn 1.30 useum of Modern Art: New York 1.55 Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 2.20 Third World Studies: The

2.50 Mahabharat, Episode 19 of the 91part dramatisation of India's great epic ocem. In Hinds with English subtitles 3.30 Film: Lost Angel (1943, b/w) starring Margaret O'Brien, James Craig, Marsha Hunt and Keenan Wynn. Gooey tale of a little gut lost being adopted by a reporter, made long before the days when the reporter would have sold her into slavery to get a juicy story.

Directed by Roy Rowland 5.00 Film: Magnificent Obssession (1954) starring Rock Hudson and Jane Wyman, Absurd, popular weepie; the tale of a rich society playboy who kills a woman's husband, blinds her into the bargain, then becomes a surgeon in order to cure her. Transformed by Douglas Sirk's sublime direction into superior melodrama. See CHOICE,

Channel 4, 9.00 6.40 Eyes on the Prize: Mississippi — Is this America? Part five of the documentary series chronicling the civil rights movement in America. This

week's episode examines the murder of three civil rights activists two white, one black - in 1964, in what was supposed to be "Freedom Summer". The feature film *Vississippi Burning* was based on the investigation of the murder (r) 7.40 Newsylew with Moira Stuart and Lynette Lithgow. Weather 8.25 White Noise

● CHOICE: White Noise this week features three experimental films with evolutionary themes, including a last-forward history of humar development from age to yuppie plus ça change — in six minutes. Most remarkable is Jem Cohen's This is a History of New York, a seque random, plangent images of New York at its bleakest, filmed in grainy black and white - a thrill in itself in these days of dreary colour - and accompanied by an ironic commentary detailing the city's "history" from prehistory (images of flyovers and mechanical grabbers like prehistoric monsters) to a desolate space age. Cohen's alien landscape has echoes of Chris Marker's sci-fi classic, La Jetée, and his strange and rather wonderful film makes you ealise how little that one-eyed monster - television - trades in images

9.05 Designs on Europe.

CHOICE: A curious aspect of this third in a series of six programmes on architecture, each made by a different country, is Patrick Malahide's commentary, it starts in fair imitation of the neutral "vorsprung durch technik" school of delivery but becomes progressively cooler until one is left ondering exactly what he does think of the work of the Hamburg architects Volkwin Marg and Meinhard von Gerkan. Marg and von Gerkan's first commission was winning the competition to design West Berlin's Tegel airport, since when they have won every airport competition

Winner: West Berlin's Tegel airport (9,05pm)

they have entered, total seven. The boys do airports brilliant, and malls and multi-storey car parks not bad either, to blend in or stick out. Their current work favours a jaunty nautical style, and von Gerkan has built himself a dream house that is a nightmare for a mily to live in. At this point a note of disbelief starts to creep into the commentary

9.50 Film: The Atlanta Child Murders (1984) starring Jason Robards, Martin Sheen, James Earl Jones and Rip Torn. First of a two-parter about a string of racial killings in Atlanta that rocked the state in 1979. A controversial trial did not convince many, though the killings stopped after it. Concludes next Saturday. Directed by John

11.20 United - The Full Story. A compilation of the United series, this film celebrates Sheffield United's first match of the season back in the first division. All the back-room rows, boardroom battles and transfer squabbles are exposed, along with some exciting football action. Ends at

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 International Times 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning

9.25 Australian Rules Football introduced by Steve Robilliard 10.30 Hand in Hand. Series for both deaf

and hearing children (r) 11.00 A Walk up Fifth Averue. In the second of his five programmes Bernard Levin takes a look behind the scenes of the Empire State Building (r) 11.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Vintage western series following a wagon train of settlers

heading West 12.30 Walkie Talkie. Muriel Gray walks and talks with Arthur Scargill in Worsboroughdale, near Barnsley (r) 1.00 in the Footsteps of Ambedkar. A documentary on the life of Britain's leading Buddhist, Sangharakshita, a former private in the army who became a champion of India's

2.00 Film: Father of the Bride (1950, b/w) starring Spencer Tracy, Elizabeth Taylor and Don Taylor. A domestic comedy about a harassed father trying desperately to stay emotionally and financially affoat during the preparations for the wedding of his daughter.

Directed by Vincent Minnelli 3.45 Film: Steamboat Bill Jnr (1928, b/w) starring Buster Keaton, Ernest Torrence and Tom Lewis. Silent comedy with Keaton as the brainless college boy, son of a rugged Mississippi steamboat captain, who gets caught up in the nvalry between his father and a fellow riverboat captain. Directed by Charles F. Reisner 5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r), (Teletext)

6.30 Don't Just Sit There. Final programme in the series which encourages people with physical difficulties to become involved in sport (Teletext)

7.00 The World this Week includes analysis of the crisis in the Gulf and an interview with the new Paki prime minister, Ghlam Mustafa Jatoi.

8.00 Lord of the Lions. A celebration of. the life and work of George Adamson, the renowned conservationist (r).



Rock Hudson: unassuming on acreen (9.00pm)

9.00 Hollywood Legends: Rock Hudson — Tall, Dark and Handsome. CHOICE: Flock Hudson is seen to good advantage earlier on BBC2 in Magnificent Obsession — his first staming role — magnificent tosh made more magnificant by director Douglas Sirk. Sirk turned a dalt plot about playboy turned surgeon into a film of visionary intensity, a movie about vision of all kinds - sight, destiny, blindness, colour and light; great dark es, great speedboats. Hudson was the sort of star who could gracefully decorate a speedboat and carry a weepie, neither as easy as it looks. He was a lightly likesble actor, one of the last manufactured stars of the Hollywood studio system, unassuming on screen in spite of his looks. He learnt as he went along, and became a fairly accomplished

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reports on the growing attractions of forestry, merging

cernany; and the transet ror-organic sc.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn (s) 7.09 Today, with John-Humpthy's and Jennie Bond, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.

News, 7.55, 8.58 Weather

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comedian, as demonstrated by three tims with Doris Day. This undernament of the order and the ň Tæylor, avourite thing in the whole world was

 CHOICE: This Argentine film found an unlikely producer to the British Film Institute when the director Miguel Pereira - a British resident approached it and Channel 4 for completion money, "Channel 4 Backs Belgrano Fintl' equesied the tabloids without baving seen it. The result would have had them scratching their heads: not a battleship in sight, but a simple story movingly told of a peasant boy in a backy mountain region befriended by the local teacher who encourages his. tascination for the unseen ocean. The effects of war and life under a military dictatorship are no less tragic for being revealed at arm's length. The film has complete confidence in its emplicity and direction, and in its ability to manipulate emotions. This quality — a matter of getting the tone - makes it an outstanding first

11.55 Big World New Orleans Special Andy Kershaw sets off on the trail to New Orleans to discover what makes the city swing and to talk to chronically sick child whose parents face the traumetic choice between letting her die peacefully or putting a slim chance of success four-part sequel to The Harp in the

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW (except 6,00am 2.00pm) 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Critice's Team 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Dennis McCarthy (new sense) 4.45 Stanfey Wyffie at the Compton Organ in the St. John Vienney Church, liford 5.00 Cnema 2.5.30 Jazz Score 6.00 Folk at the Festival Jim Lloyd visits the National Garden Festival at Caleshead 7.30 Saturday Gala Night 9.30 Easy Does it 10.00 Radio 2 Aris Programme 12.05cm Siars of the Sobes 1.00-4.00 Coint Berry with Nobel Bible. Berry with Night Flide MW as above except 1.30-6.00pm

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11.00 Mother And Son 11.30 Gardeners'
Calendar 12.00 Sumo 12.30 The Great
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of Dogs 5.10 Brookside 6.30 Don't Just St
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NETWORK 2 Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Miles To Go 6.05 Perfect Strangers 6.30 Charles Chase 6.55 Naacht 7.00 Punni 7.35 The Tracey Ulmann Show 8.00 News followed by the Grammy Awards 1990 10.35 The Day After Trinity 12.05am Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Barner Reol 6.30 The Flying Kinn

7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Biomic Wor

12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00cm Black

Sheep Squadron 2.00 WWF Whestling Challenge 3.00 The Incredible Hulk 4.00 Chopper Squad The Big Trip 5.00 Sara: The Visil 6.00 The Love Boat 7.00 Those

Amazing Animals 8.00 Film. Kentucky (1938) staming Lorella Young, Richard Greene and Waller Brennan 10.00 WWF

Superstars of Wiesling 11.00 Sky World News Tonight 11.30 The Uniouchables. The Antidolo 12.30am Pages from Skytex!

SKY NEWS

Words - A TV History 12.30pm Reshort TV 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 Motor Sports Nows 3.30 The Reporters 2.30 Motor Sports Nows 3.30 The Week 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Fashion TV 7.30 The Reporters 9.30 Entertainment This Week 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Feshion TV 12.30am Target 1.30 International Business Report Week 2.30

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RADIO 1

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Stage times 2.00 Thunder 3.15 The
Oureboys 4.45 Poison 6.30 Acrosmith 8.30

MW as above except 1,30-6,30pm Sport on 210,00-11,00pm Brg Fight Special WBO World Middleweight champion Nigel Benn (GB) v Iran Barklay (US) in Las Vegas

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Challenge 3:30 Target 4:30 International Business Report Week

SKY MOVIES

(P) First showing on Sky
 2.00pm 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: Animated version of Jules Verne's tale

3.00 Last of the Curlews Animated adventure-lantasy for children 4.00 Uphill All the Way (1985) Roy Clark

and Mel Tills star as two amable but negt

5.00 The Rolling Stones - Live. in concert

nent Tonight

8.00 fron Eagle II (1988): Louis Gosset, un.

on their *Urban Jungle* four 7.40 Entertainment Tonici

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Glazunov (Concert Waltz in F: Philharmonia under John Georgiadis) 8.30 News 8.35 Music for Four Hands: Peter

the craft of voice-over voices, by Paul Vaughan

1.10 Classical Guitar at Esztergom:
Alexander Frauchi and Hubert Kappel, guitars, pray Schuberi, arr Mertz (Ständchen, Aufenthalt): Brahms, arr Kappel (Romance, Op 118 No 5); Koshlen (Variations on a Theme by eoan Rak

Seventies sononeim on Broadway: Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Mark Steyn's assessment features the original cast recording of the musical thriller, based on Christopher Bond's version of the 19th-century melodrama

1,30am Pathfinder (1967): When young Argm (Mikkel Gaup) sees his friends and family killed by the marauding enemies of his

ctan, he vows revenge 4.00 Promised Land (1987): Kieler Suther-land plays a Mistit who marries on a whom and heads home to rejoin his heads and tarmly. Co-stars Meg Ryan, Ends 5.40

EUROSPORT

4.30 Debut: Gregor Horsch, cello, Martin Roscoe, piano, play Ginastera (Pampeana No 2); Janos Vajda (Just for You); Debussy (Sonala) 5.00 Jazz Record Requests 5.45 Interpretations on Record

Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring 5.45 Trumpet and Piano Plus:
Håken Hardenberger, trumpet,
Roland Pöntinen, piano,
perform Hindemith (Sonata):
Janáček (In the Mista); Ligeti,
arr Hardenberger (Mystenes of
the Marshra) the Macabre

Albert Hall, London, Moscow Virtuosi under Vladimir Spivakov performs Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K 201); Shostakovich, am Barshai (Chamber Symphony, Op 110a). 8.20 Angels According to Vivaldi. © CHOICE: According to Nietzsche, Venice was the only word that could satisfactorily replace music. And since Vivaldi is synonymous with Venice and his Four Seasons is one of the works in tonight's Prom, the appropriateness of Louise Jameson's reading of Nichelene Wandor's short story as a Prom interval filler, speaks for itself. Wandor's variage point for an overview McPherson 9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news with Julian Petitier and news with Julian Petiffer and Nagel Coombs
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Nad Shemin, Robert Elms, Victoria. Matter and Sandi Tokswig (s)
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Pictoria Winners. The last in a three-part examination by Peter Jeniums of the qualities needed to get on in politics. Colleagues' strengths and weaknesses are reflected on by some of Britain's senior politicians. 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent, 12.00 Today's the Day: Time to Go Home. In the second of six programmes charling: extraordinary days in people's lives, David Clayton meets Elsie McKean. Today she is moving to an old people's home in Southport after having fived in the same

having lived in the same house for 30 years (§)" 12.25pm Hoad: Hosted by Tim Brooke-Taylor, Donald Sind Moyra Brenner and Leslie

week's programme in which young people give their opinions on a variety orissues Smon Bates asks whether they regard the elderly as a resource or a drain on society (3 of 6) or memoirs 10.00 Tenor and Guitar: fair Jenor and Gutar: larr
Parindge, tenor, Julkia
Savijoki, guitar, perform
Schubert (Morgenited, D 685;
Hedenrostein; D 257;
Wehmut, D 772; Harrifings
Liebeswerbung, D 552);
Britten (Songs from the
Chinese for voice and guitar,
Op 58) its (3 of 6) (r)
2.00 News; Hindsight in the second of five programmes, Metvn Bragg tooks back at Hock Against Racism, the antifascist movement of the late Second of the late.

Chinese for voice and guitar, Op 59) (r) 10.25 BBC Scottish SO performs Part (Cantus in memoriam Benjamin Britten); James MacMillan (Tryst); Shchedrin (Stribin) (Stikhira) 11.25 Zuzana Paulechova: The

Seventies (s) (r)
2.30 Play: Rock and Roll Baby, by Lesley Davies. Ellen, a 30 year-old teacher, refuses believe one of her publis who professes undying toxe for ner

some of the people responsible
12.25am Verdict. The final programme of a
the present series involves the case of a her through a painful operation with only 1.40 Poor Man's Orange. The start of a

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As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Champions Eddy Meiolx 3.05-4.40 Fam. Touch And Go 11.55 Film The Valdez Horses 1.45am The Twikight Zone 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 America's Top Ten 3.15 Beyond 2000 4.00-5.00 This Week in Nascar

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST.
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RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather and News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival: SNO under Alexander Gibson); Gramger (In Dahomey: Martin Jone piano), Delius (Over the Hills and Far Away: RPO under Thomas Beecham)

Svetlanov): Brahms (Souvenirs Svetlanov): Brahms (Souverus of Russia: Duo Crommelynck); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme: Boston SO under Ozawa); Johann Strauss, son (Memones of Covent Garden: LSO under

Frankl and Tamas Vásary, piano duet, perform Debussy (Petite Suite): Mozart (Sonata in C, K 521): Mendelssohn If C, K 2-1): Mendessonn
(Allegro brillent, Op 92) (r)
9.30 Record Release: Shelius
(Symphony No 6: Finnish RSO
under Saraste); Cordier (Tout
par Compas); Grimece (A
i'arme, à l'arme); Machaut
(Ouant Theseus/Ne quer Ouant InsessiyNe quer veoir Project Ars Nova); Franck (Pastorale: Michael Murray, organ); Lalo (Symphony in G minor: RPO under Bult); Schubert (Winterreise: Arlbert Rismann, piano, Brigitle Fassbaender, mazchergen)

mezzo-soprano) 12.10pm Haydn and the Piano: The third of five programmes of Haydn's solo piano music, presented and played by Alfred Brendel 1.00 News 1.05 Words Part 2: Words and Pictures. Four reflections on

Stepan Hark)
 As Mozari and Alexander Goehr:
 Music Group of London
 performs Mozari (Trio in E. K
 542); Goehr (Trio, Op 20) (r)
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 Seventies Sondherm on

7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the Albert Hall, London, Moscow

vantage point for an overvier of Vivaldi's ideal of a fusion between music, body, and soul is the violin student who bears his child and falls short of the musical and physical perfection he seeks. If this story isn't the strict trath about Vivaldi, at least the

spirit of his genius shines through it. 8.40 Vivaldi (The Four Seasons) Four Seasons)

9.40 Dean Swift and Mrs Pilkington:
Samenthe Bond's final reading
from Lettia Pilkington's

pranist plays Albeniz (El puerto): Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor); Eugen Suchon (Little Suite with Passacaglia, Op 3); Ilja Zeljenka (Capriccio) 12.00 N

NASCAR 2.50 Major League Baseball '90

12.00 Captein Gallant 12.38pm Energy O'Toole 1.00 The Torn Ewell Show 1.30 One Step Beyond 2.00 Chempronship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestland 4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 The Self-a-Vision Shopping Channel 6.00am As Sky One 9.00 Football — The Winning Way 9.30 Mobil One Motor Sports News 10.00 Trax 12.00 Preview 12.30pm Eurosport Live. PGA Golf — English Open; Football - Liverpool v Helsmki, IAAF Grand

7.40 Entertainment Torught
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stars as General "Chappy Snotae, a
veltean lighter pero assigned to lead a part
American-Russen messon to destroy a
nuclear weapons centre located somewhere
in the Modde East IP)
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 Young Guns (1988): Brat Pack
western about the life and times of Bely the
Kird and his gang. Starring Emilio Esteva;
Keeler Sutherland, Lou Damond Philips and
Charlee Sheen
11.45 Star 80 (1983): A true-life tragedy
which tollows the fortunes of Phylogy
centrelold Donoth's Stratten whose causes in
glamour photography took her into high
society before destroying her life. Starring
Manct Hemingway and Eric Roberts. re in which a family of Rui

Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

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BSB: THE MOVIE CHANNEL

1.20am Film: The Last Hurrah (1958): United for Safe Energy Ends 4.40 encer Tracey stars as the politician taking re-election but linding that times and political methods have eitanged 1.45pm What Did You Do in the War, Daddy? (1966) Comedy staming James Cobum and Dick Shawn, A company of American soldiers captures a small flatian town during the second world war. Subject to the annual wine lestinst labiling place, the locals are quite walling to surrender 4.00 An American Tall (1966). Animated adventure in which a termit of Resistan more

(1988): Jeff Bridges stars as the Inventor Preston Tucker
10.00 Planes. Trains and Automobiles (1997). Stove Martin's arrogant businessmen is desporate to get home for Theritogiving, but is therained at every turn, not least by John Candy's observious selection.

11.40 Body Double 1994): Starting Craig Wesson and Metajes (Griffins Sina) De-Patina's viotent and voyauristic resorting of Histocock's Rear Viotens and Version 1997): Starting Richard Hawkins and Linnes Cougley. Summors from the third world very laste shelter in a scientific laboratory. scientific laboratory
2.56 No Nukes (1980); Highlights of five

GALAXY 7.00em Superhiends 7.30 Re Mix 9.00 The Galaxy Club Show 9.30 The Adventures of Rim Tin Tin. 10.00 Targan, Lord of the Jungle 10.30 The Duless 11.00 Space Patrol 11.30 The New Adventures of Betmen 12.00 Jupiter Moon 1,30pm Doctor Who 2.00 Cool Cube, and at 2.30 The Satellite Game, and at

6.00 Orlving Academy, Staving Charles Grange Hit The Early Years 5:30 Kid's Robinson and Harvey Korman. A school Court 6:00 The Goodles 6:30 Till Death Do driving instructor attempts to tench his class of mattits how to drive 8:00 Tucker: The Man and his Dream 1998; Jelf Bridges stars as the inventor Preston Tucker.

THE POWER STATION

9.00am Eighteen hours of rock and goo

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the third of six programmes. Clavid Elsworth, the trainer of Desert Orchid, talks to Marjons Lofthduse about his

shiver down her spine (9) (r). #1.30 Furny That Way: Past 2: John Geese, Eight desic cornecty profiles with Barry Cryer (r) 12.00-12.30am News, inch (2.20

Weather 12.33 Shapping Forecast FM as LW excent:

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9.30am, Sportadest 10.00° NFL 12.00 Australian Rugby League 1.00pm Sports-desk 1.38-Racing 2.00 Tennents FA Charry Sheid: Liverpool v Manchester United 5.00 American Wresting 6.00 Sportsdeak 6.30° The Main Event: Golf 10.00° Racing 10.30 Sportadesk 11.00 Tennis 12.00 Sportsdeak

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5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

meatical." (Teletext) 10.00 Film: Veronico Cruz (1988).

South, from Buth Park's classic. Australian novel about an high-Australian family in the aftermeth of the second

world war. Ends at 2.35 RADIO 4

> 4.00 News; The Living World: The second of eight programmes about suburban gerden nightlide: Milke Majerus, Sally Godet and Peter France go Godbet and Peter France go motin-trapping and encounter

Library Sand Privet Hawks
4.30 Science Now with Peter Evans
5.00 Comerciation Piece: Sue
MacGregor taile, to absence
artist Bridget Riley (r)
5.25 Meanwhile in Glasgow
The second of two The second of two programmes exploring Europe's City of Culture 1990. comes live from the Salon Cinema: Features Fred MacAulay, Gordon Robertson,

Bruce Morton, Andy Camero Liz Lockheed and Arnold Brown (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; Sports Round-Up 6.25 Citizens on hibus edition (s) 7.10 in the Psychiatrist's Chair: Or

7.10 in the Psychiatrist's Chair: Or Anthony Clare interviews firmman (r)
7.45 Satorday-Night Theatre: Mortal Term. Metville Jones's chanselisation of John Penn's Cotswold thriller. Det. Supt. Thome is called in to investigate the death of a hitch-bale. With John Castle 9.16 Music in Mind: Boar Kay

hitch-twee. With John Castle
9.15 Music in Mind: Bean Kay
introduces a further selection
of melodic favourites (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten led by Canon Colin
Samper (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Gardening Quiz: Hosted
by Stefan Buczscki. This
week, Jeand captains Irens
Thomas and Norman Painting
ass assisted by Moyra
Brenner, Nigel Forde, Peter
West and Monita Dickens (s)

most important day (*)

11.00 The Tingle Factor, Joanna
Lumley talks to Flobia Ray
about the music that sends a

1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55 Programme News

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

12.00 The Mile Smith Show 1.00pm Summer Edition 2.00 Front of House 2.30 Encare: Gluck Double Bill 5.45 Classic Choice: Van Cilbum 7.30 Briton Special — Christopher Hampson 8.00 Saturday Performance: Kyllan Double Bill 9.30 Late Night Music: Clack Cares 10.30 The Flood

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SUNDAY'S TELEVISION & RADIO

of a battleship. Good action sequences but the plot and acting are tairly brittle. Directed stoutly by Joseph 4.55 All Our Children. Showing how children around the world face their responsibilities and the pressures of growing up in their very different lives and communities. (Ceefax)

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6.45 Open University: Managing Work — England 7.10 Where Has All The Granite

Gone 7.35 Wings: Cracks in the

Experimental Approach 8.25 Maths Experimental Approach o.co mail to Modeling: Sandcastles, Ends at 8.50 8.55 Playdays (r) 9.15 Umbrells, Multi-faith children's religious programme (r)

service from a viewer's home in Barton

starring Dick Van Dyke. A light tale of a

advertising film who decides to drop out

Lowdown - Fighting For Breath - about

stages a son et kimière depicting the life of a local 18th-century family, which is attended by some 350,000 visitors

Forging 8.00 Flying in Birds: An

3.30 This is the Day. A simple religious

Seagrave near Kettering
10.00 Bugs Bunny: All-American Hero.
Cartoon (r). Wales: Our House 10.5512.05pm Cricket: Glamorgan v India
10.20 Film: Drop Out Father (1982)

tamily man with a top job in an

Directed by Don Taylor 11.55

12.05 Sign Extra. An edition of The

Cartoon

and take his daughter with him to

a school for young asthmatics, adapted for the hearing impaired

story of the village of Les Epesses in

stern France which each year

Speaking Volumes. P. D. James is

oined this week by Kate Saunders,

Roy Hattersley and painter Steven

John Fuller, editor of The Chatto Book of

Campbell. Author of the week is

EastEnders (r). (Cestax)
3.00 Film: Away All Boats (1956) starring
Jeff Chandler. The tale of the captain of

Pacific in 1943, doing a Captain Bligh in an effort to get himself the command

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Pure Maths — Heads and Tails 7.00

Technology: Energy From Waste 7.25 Introduction to Calcutus: Vectors

Plans for Change 9.05 Introduction to

Psychology: Autum 9.30 Inner City

Chemistry: Why Build Models 10.20

10.45 Maths: Group Theory 11.10

From Snowdon to the Sea 12.00

passangers Grandstand introduced by Steve

Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 2.00 and 4.10 Gotf: the

Cup from Thruxton; 3.00 Athletics:

the IAAF grand prix from Cologne and

the world championships and games

for the disabled from Assen, The

Oricket: Glamorgan v indian

6.30 One Man and His Dog. Second

Netherlands. Wales: 2.00 and 4.10

semi-final in the singles title of the

sheepdog championship

the Belfry; 2.30, 3.50 and 5.50

12.50 Culture Shock

1.00 Ecology. Pests and predators 1.25 One in Four. Magazine for the

Mental Handicap: Moving On 12.25 Living Choices: Changing Places

Biology: Form and Function — Transport

Genetics: Patterns of Evolution 11.35

disabled, with a look at access for airline

final round of the NM English Open from

Motorcycling: the Shell Oils ACU Super

Story: Opposing flacism 9.55

7.50.Looking at Heat: Medical Uses

8.15 Origin of the Solar System: A Theory 8.40 The Health Service:

6.35 Open University: Introduction to

a small troop transporter in the

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Love Poetry 1.45 The Pink Panther Show (r) 2.00

12.30 Country File. Anne Brown tells the

1.00 News with Moira Stuart followed by

live in Greenwich Village in New York.



Toyah Wilcox: in pursuit of junk art (5.45pm) 5.45 The Great Picture Chase.

● CHOICE: Toyah Willcox, with 2500 to spend, takes a trip through alter art, and encounters a melange of old-style punk and New Age naive. Suspicion of the commercial racket takes her in pursuit of junk art - a map of the United Sta es made from the back pockets of old jeans - resalvaged art and recycled art. There are chairs made of old telegraph poles, and tables made from stuff rescued from building sidps. The results are not art as such, more art as small business: part of the fun is guessing what they will charge. Three grand for five weeks' work makes one wonder; a pity, really, there wasn't something on sale made of old rope. Toyen ends up outdoors — her initial inspiration is Stonehenge - looking for "something m the real earth" and is last seen in a sculpture park looking for a bit of social comment and humour - you might wonder who gets the last laugh.

Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha visit Glasgow, European City of Culture

arts and media programme, including the widely-presed re-hanging of the Tate Gellery and an interview with the Chinese writer and artist Han Suyin

9.05 Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth. Tonight the distinguished scholar shares with American journalist Bill

Moyers his views on the need for

occasionally for periods of self-communion. (Ceefex)

9.45 Golf. Highlights of the final round from the English Open at the Belfry.

Moviedrome is, in spite of his

mannerisms, the most natural

CHOICE: Alex Cox, presenter of

presenter on television, a born actor

though in fact a film director) who

autocue convincingly while at the

suggests the inauguration of a new BAFTA award called *The Gerald*

comionated with none of the usual

you what a film is not, rather than

what it is, but he is always worth

orthodoxies. He is just as likely to tell

accomplishment for which one

has been responsible for moving the art of television presentation forward a

stage, through having learnt to read an

same time doing something else, a rare

Ford Prize. Cox's weirdly engaging style might best be described as manic

tatonic. His views are maverick and

10.20 Moviedrome

sacrifice in our lives, and the necessity of stepping out of our time

7.15 Rough Guide to the World.

1990 (r) 8.05 The Late Show. Highlights of the

6.15 Lifeline. Citf Michelmore and Lynette Lithgow with the latest charity news; Robert Kitroy-Silk makes an appeal on behalf of Homes for Homeles People

5.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from the Victoria Pier in Lerwick, Shetland (Ceelax) 7.15 All Creatures Great and Small. Siegfried befriends a ten-year-old boy after the latter's goldfish dies, and James takes part in the village chicket match. All gentle, non-controversial stuff (r). (Ceefax) 8.05 Blackadder the Third. If Fawity

Towers was the best situation comedy of the 1970s, this was the best of the 1980s Edmund tonight enlists the help of his Scottish cousin MecAdder to eve him from the clutches of the vicious Duke of Wellington (r) (Ceetax) 8.35 Film: Phentom of the Opera (1990) rring Charles Dance, Burt Lancaster and Teri Polo. First of a romantic two-part film, with Dance in the leading role as the Phantom, hombly

disfigured, living below the Paris Opera. House until drawn up to stage level by the beautiful voice of the wardrobe giri. Burt Lancaster lends some weight as the opera house manager. ected by Tony Richardson. 10.05 News with Michael Buerk, Weather 10.20 Everyman: Pedro and Blanco -Going Home. Tonight's programme follows the journey back to Colombia

made by twin boys (aged nine), who were adopted when standing bables by a Norwich couple and brought to live in this country (r)
11.00 The Days and Nights of Molly
Dodd. Blar Brown as the real-estate agent who is a specialist at getting

11.25 You and 92. Alan Watson and Dick Taverne ask what 1992 will mean for your community 12.00 Mehabharat (r) 12.40em Weather



Alex Cox: maverick and opinionated (10.20pm)

listening to, and often the movies he introduces are the better for his opinions. Here he talks about A Walk On The Wild Side: at a quess, he will either devote his entire space to Saul Bass's famous credit sequence, or not mention it at all. Walk On the Wild Side (1962) sterring Laurence Harvey, Barbara Stanwyck and Jane Fonda. Adaptation of the controversia novel by Nelson Aigren about a penniless farmer finding the gel of his dreams in a brothel. Unfortu the oid is also the favourite of the lesbian owner of the brothel. The farmer then has an affair with an underage girl which is used against him by the madame to stop him claiming his chosen love. Turgid stuff, starting with a fantastic opening sequence but then determinedly going downhill from there. By the end of the film everyone has given up. Directed by ward Dmytryck. (Ceefax) Ends 12.20

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Disney Family Movie: Little Spies (1986) staming Mickey Rooney, Robert Costanzo, Peter Smith and Candace Cameron. The first of a two-part film about a reclusive second world war hero who comes to the aid of a gang of youngsters who plan to rescue the adopted dog from a puppy kennel. However they find their original mission thwarted when they discover a dog-napping ring Directed by Greg

10.15 The Campbells. Drama serial, set in late 19th century Canada 10.45 Link. Magazine programme focusing on the problems laced by the disabled. Rosatie Wilkins talks to Mary Dutty, a successful photographer who was born

without arms 11.00 Morning Worship. Family communion from St Michael All Angels Church, Harlesden, Middlesex 12.00 Heartland. A look at St Joseph's School in South Dakota which is run by pnests of the Sacred Heart, who

teach Indian spirituality alongside Christianity 12.30 The Care Bears. Cartoon series 12.55 LWT News and weather 1.00 News with Fioria Armstrong.

1.10 An Invitation to Remember, Dame Flora Robson talks about her life and

1.40 Red Nine. A behind-the scenes look at the Red Arrows

CHANNEL 4

Gardeners' Calendar (r). (Teletext)

7.30 Once Upon a Time . . . Life.

Cartoon journey through the human

body's organs and cells 8.00 Early Bird 8.25 David the Gnome 8.55

Ramona Dramatisation of Beverley

Cleary's three books about a

9.25 Band Baja. Asian music from some

of the best young exponents

10.00 Japan: The Legacy of the Shogun.

11.30 Elly and Jools. Adventures of Jools.

hearing children (r)

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of Canada

Lisa Bonet

Senes offering a British view of Japan (r) 11.00 Storywheel. For both deat and

a 13-year-old boy, and Elly his ghostly friend 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land

b/w) starring Richard Greene, George

Sanders, David Niven, William Henry

brothers who determine to clear the name of their Indian Army officer

with the hilanous short-sighted cartoon

fantasy which leatures choreographer

young dancers from the National Ballet

American sitcom staming Bill Cosby and

father after he is court-martialled,

of the Giants. Cult Sixties science

2.00 Film: Four Men and a Prayer (1938,

and Loretta Young Entertaining

adventure mystery about four

cashiered and then murdered.

Directed by John Ford.
3.35 Magoo. Mishaps and comic chaos

3.50 A Moving Picture. Romantic dance

Ann Ditchburn and a company of

4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). This

5.30 Athletics. Steve Ovett introduces the action at Gateshead — the venue of the

week's guest is Betty Hutton 5.25 News summary and weather

GRE Clubs cup final

6.30 The Cosby Show, Successful

mischievous eight-year-old girl.

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00

2.10 Film: Further Up The Creek (1958, b/w) starring Frankie Howerd, Thora Hird, David Tominson and Shirtey Eaton. A comedy in the Carry On mould about the crew of an ancient fingate that is on its last voyage before being handed over to a north African navy. Directed by Val Guest

3.50 Film: 2,000 Women (1944, b/w) stemng Phylis Calvert, Flora Robson and Patnera Roc. Nazis intern British women, but they turn the tables and secretly help grounded RAF fliers to escape occupied territory. Suspense adventure directed by Frank l aunder

5.30 A Kind of Living. Lacklustre sitcom set in Botton starring Richard Griffiths 6.00 All Clued Up. Game show hosted by David Hamilton 6.30 News with Fiona Armstrong.

ather 6.35 LWT News and weather 6.40 Day Out with Dans. Singer Dana sais down the Clyde on the last oceangoing paddle steamer, the Waverley 7.15 Jimmy's. More real-life stories following the day to day work of

Europe's largest general hospital, St

James S. Leeds 7.45 Forever Green. Drama series about the Boults, who move to the country in search of a better life Starring John Alderton and Pauline Collins (r) (Oracle) 8.45 News with Fione Armstrong. Weather 9.00 LWT Weather 9.05 The Magistrate Episode one of a

three-part drama staming Franco Nero. Julia Blake, Catherine Wilkin and Dennis Miller Paolo Pizzi is a Mafieinvestigating magistrate whose

obsession with justice puts the lives of those close to him at risk. His write is murdered after a leak of information and Paolo is forced to move secretly to Australia Once there he starts a private investigation and searches for his only son. Continues tomorrow at 8.30pm. (Oracle)

11.05 Red Empire, Robert Conquest presents the documentary senss examining the past 100 years of Soviet history

12.05am Stand-Up Reagan. A compilation of some of Ronald Reagan's tunnies! moments in front of audiences and the press during his presidency 1.05 ITV Chart Show (r) 2.05 Pick of the Week. The best from the

2.35 Film: Run, Simon, Run (1970) starring Burt Reynolds and Inger Slevens. Burt Reynolds gives a Strong performance as an American Indian who returns to his reservation after ten years in prison for a murder he did not commit. When he takes over as tribal chief he is torn between his growing love for the white Indian agent and the ancient tribal tradition that expects him to avenge his brother's death. Directed by George McCowan

4.00 American Documentary: The Hidden Life of the Gulf of St Lawrence. A look at the spectacular underwater activity where a subtle food chain has evolved influenced by the Labrador current 5.00 ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at 6.00

7.00 Equinox: Selling the Secret.

● CHOICE The science fiction writer J. G. Ballard once pointed out how surprisingly little lesting effect the space race has had on popular

imagination. Nowadays it is an simosi forgotten subject, with little or no clamour attached, does anvorv grow up any more wanting to be an estronaut? Equinox Selling the Secret shows just now little glamour, as it follows the selling off of bits of the Soviet space programme in the the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the commercial battle", and a pretty hard-headed battle too. "When Challenger exploded we were looking for alternatives," remarks a beady-eyed German, in early to deal with the Russians. Even the Pentagon and the USAF - previously cool -

check out workshops until recently top secret in spite of their poker faces, it's plain as paint what they're thinking: Klondyke, USSR. (Oracle) 8.00 John Brown's Body: The Wealth of Nations. Veteran socialist director John McGrath - remember socialist theatre? - combines song, dance and action in a writty satire on the subject of Scottish oppression - by the English, and by shipbuilder, steelma coal owner Plenty of inequality and stiming labour organisation. Third in a Inlogy (There is a Happy Land and

Border Wartare), and shown first at Glasgow's Tramway Theatre 9.00 Norbert Smith -- A Life. CHOICE. Norbert Smith — A Life stands up well to a second viewing, and has - to go by hearsay - already acquired the status of instant classic. It sends up the television arts profile. in particular Melvyn Bragg's Olivier senes, and here Bragg himself, showing that he's game for a laugh rs (in a lair impersonation of his own SBS style) Norbert Smith.

whose career combined Larry-like acting

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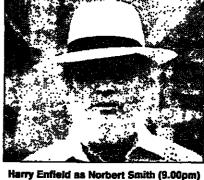
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CENTRAL

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HTV WEST



with Burtonish boozing Harry Enfield

and director Geoff Posner show a remarkable ability to lampoon precise styles of English cinema - their Sudso advertisment single-handedly takes out both Bnet Encounter and the school of Hovis commercial filmmakers. Attention is taken even to get the correct colour grading and it is largely this care on all technical levels - Enfield's vocal mannensms are spoton - that turns an occasionally hitanous comedy into something memorable

10.00 Film: Send Me No Flowers (1964) staming Rock Hudson Dons Day Tony Randali and Ckni Walker Romantic cornedy in which Hudson, mistakenly believing he has only a few months to live, tries to pair off his suspicious rife with a suitable potential husband. Directed by Norman Jewison (Oracle)

11.50 Film: The Beat of Bolero (1988) starring Manalejandra Martin, Maros Moreno, Vladimir Torres and Sonia Berah. Venezuelan film based on the life of Maria Rodriguez, a woman whose greatest ambition is to sing in Caracas. With English subnities Directed by John Dickinson. Ends at 1.10am

FM Stereo and MW

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FM Stemo and MRN (except 6.00est)-Author David Allen 8.00 Graften Roght 7:30 Frank Topping says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Flicherd Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond with Melodes for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington with Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell 4.00 David Better attroduces mass: trast Spectrum 4.30 Smg Something Simple 5.00 Charle Chester 7.00 The Masso of Magic B.00 The King's Singers 8.30 Sunday Hall Hour from St Colorable S Church, Sutton Coloffeid 9.00 Alan Kesth 10.05 Solina Coloneu survival Hadio 2 Arts Programme 12,05am Robin Ray on Record 1,00-4,00am Colin Beny with Night Rade HW as above except 5,00am-2,00 HW as above except 5,00am-2,00

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Main the Street of the Street 3.00 Ashkenazy in Russia: A 6.55am Weather 7.00 Corelli: Home and Abroad. The third of eight programmes. François Couperin (Trio Sonata, L'Astrée: Musica Antique Köln under Remhard. concert from his trumphant 1969 tour. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano, performs Knussen (Symphony No 31:B (Sonata No 4 in B minor, Amusemens pour la char Micaela Comperti, Mark

reo 3; isettiloven (Plano Concerto No 3 at C minor); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F Minor, Op 36) 4.40 French Song: Russell Smythe, bantone, and Graham Caudie, Coim Tilney); Corelli (Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No Johnson, pano, perform Debussy (Les Ingénus; Le Faune, Colloque sentimental, Fêtes gatantes, Book II), Bizet (Vieille chanson, Ma vie a son 11: Tatelmusik under Jean 7.30 News ... 7.35 Beaux Arts Trio: The third of tour programmes played by Menahem Pressler, plano, Isidore Cohen, violin, Bernard Greenhouse, cello. Haydn

(Vieille Chanson, Ma vie a son secret; La coccinelle), Fauré (L'honzon chiménque) (r)
5.10 Franck: The Medici String Quartel, with John Brigham, piano, plays Franck's Piano Quintet in F Minor
5.50 The Storm: A new version of Alexander Ostrovsky's 19th-century Russian classic that inspired Janáček's opera, Katya Kabanova. Translated and adapted by Dewd Sulkin. On the banks of the Volge, Katya struggles against (Gypsy Rondo, Prano Trio in G. H.XV 25); Schubert (Adagio in E.flat, D 897, Nottumo); Beethoven (Triple Concerto in C: Londen Philharmonic Orchestra under Hettink) 8.35 Your Concert Choice: Handel (Concerto Grosso in B minor, Op 6 No 12: English Concert under Trevor Prinnock); Tallis (Spern in elium: Choir of Kings College, Cambridge; CUMS Chorus under David
Wilcocks); Parufink (Violin
Concerto: London Musici
under Mark Stephenson, with
Krzysztol Smietana), Delius
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Liverpool Philharmonic
Orchestra under Charles Chorus under Day

Critine banks or her volge,
Katya struggles against
oppression. With Sonia Ritter
as Katya, Maggie Steed as
Marfa, Julian Wadham as
Bons, Chinstopher Good as
Tikhon, Siôn Probert as Dikoy.
Songs by Colin Sell
7.30 Proms 1990: Live from the
Albert Held Lordon SBC Albert Hall, London, SBC Symphony Orchestra unde Lother Zagrosek, led by James Clarke, with Edith Wiens, soprano, Kurt Streit, Grovest, officer (red Company of Hadven: London Philharmonic Chor; English Chamber Orchestra under Philip Brunelle, with Peter Barkworth, Shelia Allen, tenor, Andrees Schmidt nitone, performs Haydin (The

Barkworth, Shelse Aren, speakers, Cathryn Pope, soprano, Dan Dreasen, tenor, Christopher Herrick, organ) 10.30 Prom Talic Michael Hell fooks forward to this week's proms with his guest, the planist imogen Cooper 11.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orhestra united Jerzy introduces and reads a selection of his work, including his new poems "Scrap" and "Shut"

9.25 Penelope Roskelt: The pianist plays Mozart (Soneta in C, K 279); and George Benjamin (Sortileges) ()

10.05 is More Less? Two chember works arranged for string orchestra. Moscow Soloists under Yuri Bashmet perform Schoenberg (Verkälirte nacht, Op 4, shing orchestra version); Schubert, arr Mahlar (Stinng Quartet in D minor, Death and the Merden)

11.25 Bach: Fioht Leiozro Cantalas: Orchestra under Jerzy
Orchestra under Jerzy
Maksymuk, plays RimskyKorsakov (Sheherezade); and
Stravnsky (Petrushke)
12.25pm Viola and Pano: Augustin Dumay, violin, and Gordon-Back, piano, perform Jamáček (Violin Sonata): Prokofisv (Violin Sonata No 1 in P minor, Op 80): Mozari (Violin Sonata in F Minor, K 304): Brahms

9.25 Poet of the Month: Craig Raine

11.25 Bach: Eight Leipzig Cantalas:
Ragian Beroque Singers and
Players under Nicholas
Kraemer, with Nancy Argenta,
soprano, Michael Chance,
counter-tenor, and Michael
Gester, treas perform George, bass, perform Cantata No 197, Gott ist uns're Zuversicht 12.00 News

LW (a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Fo am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 per 7.15 The Living World Exploration of a vivini Experient of a right (r) 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Paper 8.50 Appeal by Kenneth Kendall on behalf of Combat, which supports suffered to Humandroine

sufferers of Huntingdon's disease 8.55 Weather

9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alisteir
Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from
Llangollen Methodist Church
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand Martin
Wainwight reviews the
periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week with
Margaret Howard (s) (r)

Margaret Howard (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Discs Sue Lawley with Sir Crispin Tickell (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55

members of the British and Commonwealth Women's Club and the British community gather at the embassy in Paris to put their questions to Dr an Buczacki

determined to marry the beautiful Vasilise (s) (r) 3.30 How Can You Go? Barry Norman hosts a discussion

4,00 News; A Voyage of Discovery:
Writer John Mortimer enjoys
some operalic highlights
including "Nessun Dorma"
from *Turencol* (s) (r)
4.35 The Dead Hand, by Wildle
Collins, read by Peter Marinker

portraits of great radio figures. Part 5: Galbert Herding (s) (r) 5.40 To The Back Of Not Very Par Away: Ten tales of Sixtes life on the road, read by Anton Rodgers. Part 8: Gl Reds 5.50 Stripping 5.55 Weather

RADIO 4

9.10 Sunday Papers

Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
This week the team pays its
first visit to France, where

2.30 Wan the Fool and Vasilisa the Wise. Play by Stephen Mulane. Ivan the fool is

Nomen nosts a water about past and present with quests including roes with guests including Fax and David Putt

5.00 News; Radio Lives: Stx

6.00 News 6.15 Feedback. Chris Dunkley airs Isteners' comments about BBC programmes and policy 6.30 The Heavy Side of Town (new

those who live and work in Britain's manufacturing tow Part 1 Barnard Castle (r) 7.00 Cat's Tails: Julie Mayer continues her exploration of the River Thames (s) 7.30 A Good Read Edward Bishen invites Michael Bentine and Heather Couper to choose four paperbacks (r)

8.00 Punters 8.40 Reading Alaud CHOICE Str. nar Rodger's reading from My Summers. Neville Cardius's recollection of 20 years of watching and writing about cricket, is so dnly funny that you would swear Peter Timeswood had written was about to trude Mort was about to trudge out of the pavilion. Best of the stones concerns Bill Worsley, miner turned wicket-keeper, inveterate sipper of creme de menthe, and a man with a very sound reason for jerking the ball sky-nigh from behind his back efter making a catch Cricket, like music has its stow movements and Cardus recalls one classic example of a Lancashire andanie that was

played on his wedding day 9.00 News, Enquire Within 9.15 The Natural History
Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Remember the Voice: Frank
Gillard tells the story of
Charles Hill, Radro Doctor (s)

11.00 The Litmus Test: Michael Scott investigates the lighter side of science Seeds of Farth: Canon Frank Wright explores four plays on the theme of goodness and

the good person. Part 2: Racing Demon by David Hare 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping FM as LW except: 7.00-8.00am Open University: 7.00 Modern Art; The 1936 Surrealist Show 7.20 The 19th-century Novel and its Legacy 7.40 The Aris: The Rational Amusement 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 5.50-5.55

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 12.30pm-12.55 The Invisible Man* 2.00 The Editel Tower 2.30-3.00 Perspectives

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Chart Show 3.00 Grand Ole Opry Live 3.55
Backstage 4.00 Fight Without Feathers
4.30-5.00 Jobfinder

NETWORK 2

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Bare shelves and rationing add to misery of Russians

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

ANGRY queues in Moscow and Leningrad have stopped the traffic on main roads twice this week in a vain attempt to obtain cigarettes. Television has shown shelves bare of fruit and vegetables nightly. Hardly one in three ice-cream kiosks in Moscow has had any icecream to sell.

And the town of Tarusa, south of Moscow, has put itself on the map and on the front page of Pravda by becoming the first Soviet town since the war to introduce bread rationing.

For the Russian Federation, this must has been one of the worst weeks for shortages and the queues that follow, and the patience of even the resignedly patient Russians is wearing thin.

Yesterday their desperation was summed up on the front page of the official trade union paper, Trud. The whole economy has reached a dead end," it said under the headline "Emergency". Each individual shortage has its

own history and geography. The cigarette dearth has been explained by a complex of factors: the railway blockade against Armenia, which has prevented supplies reaching the only cigar-ette filter factory in the country;

Army acts in Croatia

From REUTER IN BELGRADE

YUGOSLAVIA sent troops into a Serbian-dominated village in Croatia yesterday after crowds of

protesters poured into the streets. The villagers took to the streets in Knin, which has many Serbs, after they heard that Croatian police armoured vehicles were eading towards another mainly Serbian town.

Tension mounted this week between the two communities when the Serbian minority in Croatia said it would hold a referendum tomorrow to decide whether to declare autonomy from the republic in protest

against alleged discrimination. Serbs in the area have formed armed groups to defend themVietnam's refusal to sell tobacco except for hard currency; hold-ups in the domestic tobacco supply; repairs and summer holidays at Moscow's two cigarette factories; and no hard currency to buy cigarettes abroad. The ice-cream queues result

from closure of two of the three Moscow ice-cream factories for The bread rationing (about 11b a day) is marginally less than the wartime ration and supposedly derives from restrictions in the capital preventing most food sales to non-Muscovites. The local authorities say the people of Tarusa, who used to buy their cheese and sausage in Moscow, now have to make do with bread alone and are eating too much.

The fruit and vegetable famine, in a year of abundant harvest, is because there is no one to gather the crop and no vehicles to ransport it. Moscow's main roads have a few parked vans and lorries selling melons. For the rest, it is the unseasonally exorbitant prices of the collective farm markets, or the queues and rotting onions and cabbages of state shops.

Where produce has been gathered, packed and transported 10 Moscow, the problems start at the railway or lorry depot. In its "Emergency" article yesterday, Trud wrote of 300 railway wagons at the north Moscow freight depot waiting to be unloaded. More wagons were arriving all the time, but the depot could cope with a maximum of 50 a day. Some of the wagons contained imported food; many others, consumer goods.

The real difficulty for the authorities is that there seems little hope of any improvement. The petrol shortage, which has just hit Moscow after affecting the rest of the country, was the result, a senior government official said yesterday, of lower production and exhausted wells. An agreement has been signed with Texaco for development of oil production in the Soviet Union, but that will not remedy the shortage for several years.

The manpower shortage will be solved only when work is paid with money that can buy something. And until there are people and petrol to help move the goods. there will still be nothing in the shops to buy.

28 Vocally, Irishman has difficulty

2 Put up notice about hit play (5). Fringes are unfashionable on short dresses (9).

4 The call of a sea bird, but rather

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8 Ambitious person, the first to gain recognition outside (9).

Various races, for example, us-ing lathis etc in disorder (9).

16 Seamen scowl at the cards (5,4).

17 Careless mistake with fitted shoe

20 The way to enlarge hole in spout

22 Member is in a heavy slumber,

Moved gingerly when extricated from the inferno's edge (5).

so it appears (5).

7 An Army inspection (5).

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Police officers carrying pieces of wreckage from the crashed Tornado. The wreckage was recovered by Humber lifeboatmen and landed at Grimsby

Two die in third Tornado crash in a week

By Harvey Elliott AIR CORRESPONDENT

TWO RAF officers were killed when a Tornado ground-attack jet crashed into the North Sea early yesterday, two miles from the spot where three other officers were killed in a mid-air collision involving two similar aircraft four days earlier.

The defence secretary, Tom King, yesterday expressed "concern and sympathy" to the rel-atives of Group Captain William Green, aged 43, and Squadron Leader Neil Anderson, aged 36. The two men were both married with children. Seventeen RAF officers have

died in Tornado accidents in the last seven years, raising concern that even tough and expensive training may never be enough to cope with the dangers of flying often as low as 250ft at 450mph.

Despite losing three Tornado bombers and five RAF officers within a week, the Ministry of Defence last night remained adamant that the "attrition rate" of their most potent strike jet is still

well within normal limits. Since 1983 26 Tornadoes, worth almost £500 million, have been lost in what the ministry classifies as "category five accidents" in which the aircraft is totally destroyed. Seventeen air crew have died.

Yesterday's crash ten miles off Spurn Head, Humberside, is likely to prove one of the most baffling to RAF investigators.

The Tornado GRI jet, from RAF Marham in Norfolk, was on a training run over the North Sea and flying at about 700ft when it vanished from radar screens. Although the jet carried a flight data recorder, it will be difficult to find and recover from the sea bed, leaving few clues for the enquiry

Few of the crashes involving Tornadoes have had a common factor, although the problems of flying at high speed at low altitude can tax even the finest pilot. At least six of the jets have been lost in mid-air collisions.

Despite the obvious hazards of low-level manoeuvres, the rate at which crashes have occurred has gradually been reduced. In 1983,

for example, the accident rate involving RAF fixed wing aircraft per 10,000 flying bours was 0.54, a figure which gradually improved until last year it had dropped to 0.29. This year still looks likely to show a further improvement, as there have been only eight RAF losses compared with 12 at the

same time last year. The Tornado has, however, been top of the list of casualties. with five aircraft destroyed compared with four in the whole of 1989, three in 1988 and four in 1987. Of these, all but one was a GRI strike aircraft. Eleven of the jets came down over the land, raising protests about low flying over populated regions and leading to an increase in training flights over the North Sea. Six have now crashed into the sea, six over Germany or The Netherlands, and three in North America

Nato exercises. All those lost are replaced from a store of Tornadoes held as spares out of the total of 229 GR1s delivered to the RAF.

where they regularly take part in

The collision between the two

Tornadoes on Tuesday again raised doubts about the system of air traffic control used to bring aircraft from different stations into the same training area, and the briefings given to pilots about the likelihood of other aircraft in their vicinity.
Other crashes have been caused

by simple crew error - such as the ejection of the pilot and navigator by mistake over Germany in 1985 - by bird strike on takeoff, by the pilot flying into the ground during a particularly demanding manocuvre and even by interference to the aircraft's instruments from large radio transmitters.

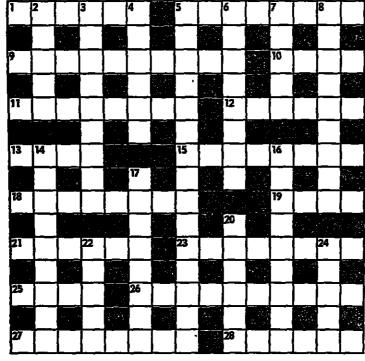
Yesterday, as every day, new and experienced Tornado crews were practising their skills over the North Sea close to where their colleagues died. Many of them those that fly the Tornado F3 air defence variant - knew that the next time they put their aircraft through those tight turns and low manoeuvres it could be for real in the Gulf. Nothing that happened this week will interrupt the deployment of aircraft into the crisis zone.

Bonn holds 'poison gas exporters'

Continued from page 1 Kadhi, along with former Preussag executives, had supplied Iraq with equipment to make poison gas. The magazine said that Walter Engineering delivered technology to Iraq that could be used to produce nerve gases. . . .

Hamburg's Morgenpost quoted a former employee of the engineering company as saying that the firm had sold Iraq equipment worth DM 32 million (£10.4 million) to manufacture nerve gases. Officially the equipment was listed as technology for the refine-ment of raw oil," the newspaper quoted the former employee as saying "But unofficially it was obvious what it was going to be used for." The company declined to comment on the report.

Prosecutors are investigating allegations that at least 50 West German companies have sold Irac technology that can be used to build chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

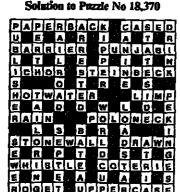


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- 16 Eliminate smoke (4).
- 11 Inferior position of some driv-ing instructors (4-4).
- 12 Split clove perfectly (6). 13 Married couple - should suit
- 15 Ashenden's Mexican finds it hot and stuffy (8).
- 18 Bird artist (8). 19 Very small diamond - a poor
- specimen (4). 21 MP embarrassed by agricultural
- policy (6).
 23 Going in for recording (8).
 25 Skin flick? (4).
- 26 Antelope hides are the best (10).
- 27 Doctor with saline solution for an inmate here, say (8).

Concise crossword, page 13

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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c. A visitor or stranger PLISKY

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WEATHER

Apart from a few showers, Scotland will have a dry day with some sun. Northern Ireland and northern England will have bright intervals but there will be the odd shower. Wales, central England and much of the South will be rather cloudy though some bright intervals are likely in the afternoon. Rain will affect the South-East. Temperatures near-

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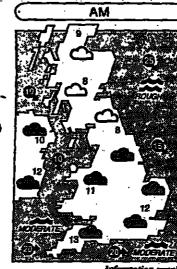
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Wembley kick-off



KENNY Dalglish (above), the manager of the League cham-pions, Liverpool, leads out his team against Manchester United, the FA Cup holders, at Wembley this afternoon in the Charity Shield, the traditional curtain-raiser to the English football season.

Liverpool will start the season as the favourites to win the first division again but the match today should provide an indication of whether Alex Ferguson, the manager of United, has built a team ready 10 challenge for the championship for the first time since 1967 Page 26

BOXING

Benn's bout

THE World Boxing Organisation middleweight championship will be at stake when the holder, Nigel Benn, takes on Iran Barkley, in Las Vegas in the early hours of tomorrow morning. Bryan Stiles assess Benn's chances ..

TENNIS Out of court



well in the United States Open championships, which start at Flushing Meadow later this month, despite her loss to Stephanie Rehe in Los Angeles yesterday Page 26

RUGBY LEAGUE ···

Welsh return

WIGAN meet Widnes in the Charity Shield in Swansea tomorrow, the first representative Rugby League match to be held in Wales since 1984 Page 25

BADMINTON

Leading role

STEVE Baddeley was appointed manager of the British Olympic team this week, crowning a remarkable year. Since April he has won the the European championship, regained the No. 1 ranking in England and become the national director of coaching for Scotland. Richard Eaton traces his career Page 28

RACING Riding high



STEVE Cauthen (above) yesterday confirmed that he has been offered the plum job of No. 1 European jockey to Sheikh Mohammed, Britain's leading owner for the last five years and arguably the world's most influential ownerbreeder. Should Cauthen accept, the decision would scotch rumours of the former champion jockey's impending retirement from the

BOATING

Clear water

The clearance of many canals in England and Wales has opened the way for a revival in public interest. Keith Wheatley discovers why more than 500,000 people now make use of the inland waterways each

Mendis makes a messy Middlesex pay the price

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Middlesex by five wickets A MATCH which had seemed destined to end in black farce was instead resolved authentically and spectacularly last evening as Lan-cashire made a nonsense of an apparently intimidating target of 297, sweeping Middlesex aside to reach their second cup final of the

This NatWest Trophy semi-final ended 56-hours after its scheduled start and with 4.1 overs unused. The out cricket of Middle-sex was shocking but nothing should detract from the authority of Gehan Mendis's 121 not out, his first one-day century for Lancashire.

Victory confirms Lancashire as the limited overs team of the year, whatever may happen in the final against Northamptonshire on September 1. It also keeps alive the unimaginable dream of a clean sweep of the major honours, though this will die tomorrow unless Middlesex can do them another favour by winning at Derby in the Sunday League. In yesterday's mood this may be beyond them; despite their highest 60 overs score, they bowled and fielded like reckless millionaire. fielded like reckless millionaires and predictably ended bankrupt.

All of this seemed highly improbable when Manchester awoke to wet pavements and ominous clouds for the third consecutive day. Cricket before hunch was out of the question and any play at all looked remote. To a forlorn backcloth of a damp and deserted ground, contingency plans were

Nobody relished the awful last resort of bowling at unguarded stumps to settle the argument, and as the morning progressed it emerged that another proposal was on the table. The respective chairmen, Bob Bennett, of Lancashire, and Mike Murray, of Middlesex, had met over dinner in London on Thursday, prior to the Test and Country Cricket Board meeting; and between them they tched the idea of a replay next

These is a precendent for this, also in cup semi-final and also involving Middlesex, 13 years ago. Tentative enquiries at Lord's brought a provisional sanction for the scheme, but both clubs needed practicing at the Oval before the final Test.

This hypothesis kept the phone-lines busy between Old Trafford and Lord's to such an extent that the office staff may not have noticed that the sun was now shining brightly. Off came the covers, on came the umpires and a slightly incredulous announcer revealed to no more than 300 patient optimists that play would resume at 1.45pm, half an hour inside the deadline for completing the original match.

The greatest beneficiary of this return to normality was initially Desmond Haynes, who had spent the best part of two days in fear of having his 95 not out expounged from the records. He did not waste the reprieve, as one would expect from the man who would be an automatic No. I in any mythical world limited overs team.

Lancashiree had 11 overs still to bowl, six of them from Wasim Akram, but Haynes was in no mood to be cowed by anyone. His

SCOREBOARD

MIDDLESEX A Roseberry Ibw b Allott Extras (6 6, tb 11, w 8, nb 3)

J E Emburey, N F Williams, A R C Fraser, S P Hughes and N G Cowens did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-147, 3-289, 4-271. BOWLING: Allott 12-3-40-1; DeFre

M Watkinson c Downton b Hughes
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P A J DeFreitas not one Extras (b 1, lb 21, w 3, nb 4)

BOWLING: Cowens 12-1-40-1; Fraser 11.5-0-43-2; Williams 10-0-72-0; Hughes 12-0-68-2; Emburey 10-0-54-0. Umpires: D J Constant and B J Meyer.

century came of 148 balls and he faced only 29 more in socring another 49 runs.

The first six overs produced 58 but the untimely loss of Rampra-kash, to a typical one-day run out, and Brown, swatting at one of three short balls in an over from Akram, slowed the sprint. Nevetheless, 24 came from the last two and Haynes, by now limping so badly that he was unable to field, crowned his epic innings with an astonishing whip through mid-wicket for four against Akram's less status under the status and the againstAkram's leg-stump yorker.

Lancashire had not helped their cause with too many wides and no-balls in this brief session. But if this was a mite careless, Middlesex's subsequent cricket was catatrosphic. Not only were misfields, missed chances and stray throws the norm, they also bowled with none of the rigid discipline we have come to expect from their highly experienced attack. The Lancashire batsmen were given comfortable whips on both sides of the wicket and the scowl on Mike Gatting's face became as much a feature of the next few hours as the set of his hands on hips.

Cowans set the grim pattern by starting with two short balls which gave Mendis a start of eight runs. He did atone with the wicket of Fowler, bowled off the inside edge, England players, who would be Mendis for 15, Hughes dropping a straightforward catch at mid-off.

At 4.05pm on this third day we finally knew we had no need of artifical tie-breaks as Lancashires innings reached the 20 overs mark. If it had rained at this point Middlesex would have won, but the clouds which had frustrated them for so long were now mockingly high.

Atherton was bowled by an inswinging yorker from Hughes, but, in the next 17 overs Mendis and Fairbrother set up the result by adding 102. As they did so, the crowd built up to a peak of almost 6,000 and if they did not quite make the noise that Wednesday's full house would have managed, they had a pretty good try.

Fairbrother's 48 occupied only 52 balls and included a pulled six off Hughes, who extracted some recompense with his wicket. This brought in Watkinson, the first of many non-specialists in this side. all of whom can bat formidably on

thier day. Watkinson, man of the match in



Driving force: Haynes on his way to an unbeaten century for Middlesex at Old Trafford yesterday

is one of the cleanest strikers of the ball in the country and, of his three sixes, the memory will be a flat off-drive against Emburey which passed within five yards of Hughes on the long-off boundary but gave

him no chance. They needed 111 from the last 20 overs and made 75 of them in 10. Watkinson was out with 28

the Benson and Hedges cup final, of 43, but this one was richly merited. He had faced only 40 balls and put the outcome beyond all doubt.

 The Lord's hierarchy will give a helping hand to counties losing overseas players to next summer's West Indies tour. The Test and County Cricket Board will bend its own rules and permit one-year contracts instead of the manstill wanted. You do not often see a standing ovation for an innings such as Middlesex.

game invented by the devil. played with instruments ill-devised for their purpose. This fact was rubbed the flames by congratulating Vic-toria for "waking up 54 years after" pros from Grims Dyke Golf Club in toria for "waking up 54 years after South Australia" - a further Middlesex. Sean Browne and Carl Williams decided to play a chall-Lehmann made five centuries enge match on their knees and onehanded. The terms of this player to make 1,000 first-class departure from golfing decorum runs in an Australian season. He is involved teeing off on their knees on the par four and five holes and playing every other shot one-handed. Browne finished with a proud 93 and Williams trailed in his wake with 105. "The longer irons were particularly difficult,"

ore wondrous cricketing deeds. The No. 11 bats-Man is one of the great archetypes of sport, so this column salutes David Coverdale, last man in for Westow in North Yorkshire. In an evening league match (15 eight-ball overs each way), he came in to do his stuff and by the time he faced the last over he had scored but six runs. So he decided to have a dart at the bowling. He hit the first four balls for six, miscued the fifth for a dot ball, and then hit the remaining three balls of the innings for three more sixes. That left him with 48 from a

East adds its might to West

WEST Berlin (Reuter) ~ East and West German athletics chiefs have agreed to send a united team to all international events from next January and the two National Olympic Committees are to unite this year, clearing the way for an all-German superpower at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The West German Athletics

Federation president, Helmut Meyer, and his East German counterpart, Gerd Schroeter, decided at a meeting on Thursday to unite their federations and compete as one national athletics team from January 1, 1991.
Yesterday, in East Berlin, the International Olympic Committee

(IOC) president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, attended a meeting at which the East and West German Olympic chiefs decided to unite their National Olympic Committees by mid-November.

With officials from leading Olympic sports like gymnastics. boxing and swimming also mov-ing quickly towards united federaions, a powerful ali-German Olympic team is virtually certain to take the stage in Barcelona.

"This is exactly the right de-cision." Meyer said. "But we can't simply add up the medals and call ourselves the greatest. Certainly, we will be much better off. The East German women are the best in the world and the men are world-class. It should stay that

The track-and-field move has the full backing of the International Amateur Athletic Federation president, Primo Nebiolo, who attended the discussions before last night's grand prix meeting. From that day onwards [January 1, 1991], only one German team will be able to compete at international events and championships." Nebiolo said in a

With German political unification expected next month and all-German elections in December, agreement for the sporting move needs only to be given the full support of the IOC for Barcelona to witness the first all-German team since 1964."The IOC will accept any decision that is made by the two NOCs," Samaranch

East and West Germany entered combined teams at the 1956, 1960 and 1964 Olympics before competing separately for the first time in 1968.East Germany alone won the second-highest number of gold medals at the 1988 Seoul cs: West Germany the fifth-highest number.

While East German athletes admit that they will not be able to keep up their success in the long term. Barcelona looks like being the best chance for a united Germany to take on sport's superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States.

The unification of German football was agreed last month. with East German clubs set to join West Germany's Bundesliga in the

Photograph, page 24

Rhapsodies over Cornish prodigy

f all the curses that can affect a life, perhaps the most dreadful is that of youthful promise. To give someone an award for Most Promising Newcomer, or Young Player of the Year, is normally enough to blast a career into bits. This column, then, is awed into a mixture of Victoria is unamused respect and anguished concern by the deeds of Gary Thomas, aged 15, of Cornwall. You may recall he made this space last week by belting 282 runs. But Thomas did not let a modest performance like this get in the way of his latest achievements. He did not permit an award for this, from The Cricketer magazine and Slazenger,

to overwhelm him. He took part this week in a youth cricket festival at St Gluvias in Cornwall, a competition which operates on 10 eight-ball overs. On Monday he began his first match with a modest 17. In the second match he made 77 not out, out of 146 for one. In his third match he at last got his eye and hit 209 from a total of 246 for no wicket, using 68 deliveries to do so. He then left the ground to play for his evening league side, St Just, a 20-over competition for grown-ups. He scored 146 not out, out of 182. On Tuesday he played a normal game of cricket for Cornwall Crusaders.

He scored 108 not out. Thomas is a left-hander, laid back by nature, who attends Cape Cornwall Comprehensive School. He has tasted enough cricketing move. There is talk of Lehmann

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

would be content with what he did

ustralian cricket is in the A middle of a titanic row. This is, of course, nothing new — but this one has a curiously English feel to it. It concerns Darren Lehmann, aged 20, a chunky left-handed bar, and the state of Victoria. Lehmann has agreed a move from South Australia to Victoria and, in doing so, has roused deep and passionate feelings across the nation. The fact is that foreign players frequently play Sheffield Shield cricket, and that players often move from one state to another. A chap called Bradman went from New South

Wales to South Australia in 1935, But Victoria never poach players, never play foreigners. The Bothams, the West Indian nuclear weapons, and the all-Australian turncoats have never been for them. They have carried out the Yorkshire tole in Australian cricket - but now, after finishing bottom of the Sheffield Shield,

they have changed their tune. South Australia, the original poachers of Bradman, are furious, and have refused to clear the glory to last most people a comple suing for restraint of trade; he says magazine claims that he was last-wicket stand of 52 and victory of lifetimes. Indeed, most people that no marter what, he will never drugged by Stasi before he entered over Duncombe Park was assured.

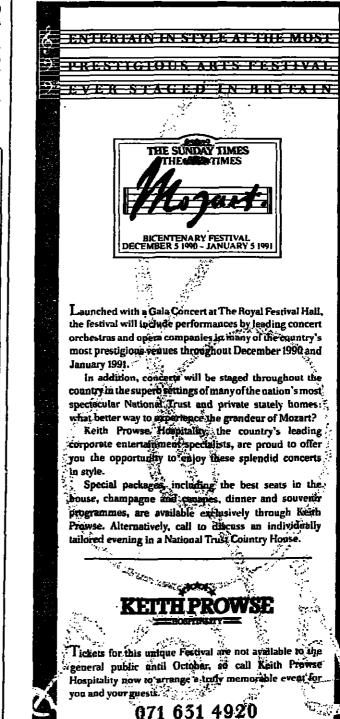
play for South Australia again. his car, and that the drugs caused him to crash. Sheffield Shield states and will be put to the vote. There is open • Golf is, as Churchill said, a mourning in Victoria at the breaking of 88 years of tradition while lan Chappell pours petrol on to

reference to Bradman. last season and is the youngest player to make 1,000 first-class clearly a prize worth fighting for. Ayrton Senna, perhaps the most extraordinary sportsman practis-ing, would like to teach the Bible when he retires from motor racing. "I discovered the Bible two years ago," he said. "I found answers to Browne said. questions I had always asked myself. One day I hope to be able to

help people." Demise of a defector

he recent months have been remarkable for the extraordinary tales of the eastern European sporting life that have emerged in the wake of the still more extraordinary political events. Now I hear allegations that an East German football defector was murdered by Stasi, the East German secret police. The claim comes from the magazine Bunte and concerns Lutz Eigendorf, formerly of Kaiserslautern and Braunschweig football clubs. He died in a car crash in 1983: the

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Pitfalls that litter the Welsh road north

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now," one said. "The ultimate

level for a rugby player in this country is Great Britain rugby

league and Australian pros could play England at Twickenham in

the morning, Scotland at

Murrayfield in the afternoon and

stuff them both." The content may be debatable, but the tone is

clearly confident and should serve

as a warning - these guys have a

they are not standing still.

lossy package on offer now and

Top players come north for

Vales, is "taking off".

squad's five-mile jaunt over the Gnoll in a the Neath wing, Alan Edmunds asked me: "What's this about you and Fulham?" Lost for breath, and trying hard not to show it, all I could muster was a quizzical

"Aye, on my life, it's the truth." he went on. "I just seen it now on Ceefax." "Never!" I said.

Now for those on the other side of Offa's Dyke, I should explain that "never" in South Wales rarely means never and is now more commonly used as an explctive. cident. A current Welsh inter-But the precise definition in this national swore to me that he only context may indeed have been a ever had contact with two League mixture of both.

I had begun to smell a rat long before I saw the Ceefax page with Ross Strudwick quoted as saying: "We have been holding discussions with Emyr since April and are confident he will join us soon." I wouldn't recognise the Fulham coach if he jumped out of

s I completed the Welsh the wardrobe and bit me on the

It seemed that the announcement of the second division club's move from Chiswick to Crystal Palace needed "spicing up" and the fabricated prospect of signing a Welsh rugby union international and an Australian league star (Wally Lewis) would do nicely. I laughed about the whole thing then, and still find it faintly amusing now. A sleazy stunt it was, however, and an episode which does not reflect well upon Fulham or professional rugby.

Neither is it an isolated inclubs and was at a loss to understand why he had been lambasted in the press by a third this for breaking an alleged promise to sign for them.

Defamation of Welsh character clearly counted for little when the club concerned could mislead its supporters into thinking that it



COMMENT

ARTHUR **EMYR**

was in the market with the big boys, having muscle and money to

nother worrying devgence of unscrupulous 'self-appointed" agents, who feed on egos and ignorance. Add to this a "hard sell" approach, which can confront a player going north just for a look around": one spoke to me of going to the toilet, with a club official waving a signing-on form in hot pursuit. There are certainly many pitfalls for the unwary.

Most professional clubs behave quite honourably, of course. They The saddest aspect of the Welsh simply have the pulling power of a exodus to league is that it could be prevented. Jonathan Davies re-cently on tour in New Zealand as a Great Britain rugby league player saw a picture of himself in his amateur days in a shop window with the word "traitor" scrawled across it. It was a slur he did not deserve. Jonathan simply did what he thought was right for him. Were he allowed as an a amateur to sign the five-figure endorsement deals with sponsors, sports goods manufacturers and newspapers that he commands so easily

feeling Welsh rugby would still be embracing his exceptional talents.

A former Welsh rugby union president told me recently that Wales has always looked after its rugby players." He referred to legendary names from the 1970s now pursuing successful careers -Gareth Edwards and Barry John to name but two.

as a professional, then I have a

there is much truth in what he says, but I should qualify his statement - after those rugby players in a position to help themselves. Any young man with sound professional or academic qualifications allied to a high sporting profile will find doors opening ahead of him. The situation is much the same in England where the recent elevation of Brian Moore, a solicitor and international hooker, to a lucrative London post is a good case in

But what of the gifted player whose most educated and cultured asset is not a legal mind but rather a right boot? In Wales, he is largely condemned to the sales rep merrygo-round, struggling to meet targets in the face of increasing commitment to playing and training, selling a product about which he knows little and cares less.

The situation demands that he be given the opportunity to sell the one product he really knows rugby football. Every Welsh squad member is a potential development officer for the game. An organisation such as the Welsh

Rugby Union, with annual profit running into millions of pounds, could easily create an intrastructure whereby each top player is offered work in a regime which embraces training requirements.

Tori

For a relatively small outlay, the potential returns would be enormous. Imagine the effect on children and their passion for the game if coaching clinics across the country were regularly attended by international players. Sponsor ship, marketing and public rela-tions are other avenues which could be explored to great effect. The game wins and the player needing direction has a place to go.
Until such a time as there is dramatic change, the choice for many will remain the merry go-round or the M6. Rugby union will always have that place in a Welshman's heart, but increase ingly he has too much on his

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Stress injuries

increasing

among young

OUTSTANDING young foot-ballers are increasingly prone

to stress fractures, which

sometimes require operations

and can prematurely end

Statistics issued by the GM

Lilleshall, which grooms boys

nationals, show that many

possible recruits aged 14 are

already suffering physical

Prospective entrants to the

school, which gives boys two years of intensive coaching

while continuing their aca-

demic education in local

schools, undergo exhaustive

medical checks before consid-

eration. Each year, a high percentage is referred to.

specialists, mostly with inju-

Charles Hughes, the Foot-

ball Association's director of

coaching, said: "Fifteen of the

16 boys this year were refer-

rais. The number varies from

year to year, but it is always a

third or more, and they are

usually stress conditions. We

must investigate fully whether

the boys are physically up to

fairly minor, and the boys are

after treatment. But others are

of cases we have had to advise

boys to have spinal operations

and in others not to play

football again - ever," he said.

It is rare for the school to

turn away more than "one or

two" would-be students in any

given year. However, Hughes

said: "If one or two of the best

teenagers in the game are lost

to football every year, over a

10-year period you might have

Even those whose stress

fractures prove no barrier to a

professional career can be-

been deprived of the equiva-

lent of a full England team."

Some of the conditions are

two years at the school.

SHINTY

Skye face threat from Fort William

By a Correspondent

SKYE Camanachd face topclass opposition for the first time since they won the sport's premier award, the Glenmorangie Camanachd trophy, in June when they play Fort William at Portree in the Thomas Ferguson memorial

The Lochaber side, who are the holders, will wish to avenge their controversial defeat by the islanders in the semi-final of the Camanachd Cup, when they had three goals disallowed in the first half. Under Graeme Mac-Millan, their new player-manager, they should be able to use their fast, aggressive style of play to great advantage.

Ross Cowie, the Skye manager, will be anxious to prove that his side can end the predominance of Kingussie, who have taken almost all the major trophies in the past five years. A victory for either side will give them added confidence for the start of the Marine Harvest leagues on September I.

A Bank of Scotland-sponsored match at Bishopbriggs today between Kingussie, the holders of the MacTavish Cup, and Oban Camanachd, winners of the Glasgow Celtic Society Cup. has been postistrative failure to make suitable arrangements. Oban Camanachd have arranged to play Gleaurquhart for the John Collie Cup at Ganavan.

The continuing efforts to reintroduce shinty to the islands of the inner and outer Hebrides take a further step forward today when an Islay select, made up of resident and exile players, sponsored by Bowmore Distillers, meets the Campbeltown-based club. Kintyre, sponsored by Springbank, another whisky company. Donald Woodrow. instrumental in founding Kintyre, has been successful in having the sport introduced to the schools on the island. Before the senior match a team of Islay pupils will play one from Campbeltown.

BOWLS

McLeish denied by Ritchie

SANDRA McLeish, of Danderhall, saw her hopes of victory in the Scottish singles championship disappear at Ayr Northfield yesterday when she was defeated in the quarter-finals by Margaret Ritchie, of Wishaw South (a Special Correspondent

Ritchie led from the start and secured a 25-16 victory when she trailed the jack on the final end. Margaret Letham, the former Scottish indoor champion, from the Burnbank Hamilton Club, is through to the last four after a 25-15 win over Ella McEwan. from Elderslie Wallace.

In the junior singles, Alison Jenkins, last year's beaten finalist, from Carron and Carronshore is through to today's semi-finals after after a runaway 25-3 win over Emma Stewart, from Planefield.

RESULTS: Commentmate: Singless M. Ritcher (Wishew South) 25. S. McLeish (Danderhall) 15: R. Wisson (Kelty) 25, I. Mader (Montrose) 8: M. Letham (Burnbank Hamilton) 25. E. McCevan

Champions raise glasses to cup-holder



Welcome to the club: Tony Ashton, winner of the PGA assistants' championship, is toasted by previous title-holders, from left, Craig Defoy, Malcolm Gregson, Peter Alliss, George Low, Derek Nash, Ross Whitehead, George Marshall White and Gwyn James, winner in 1932

FOOTBALL

Incentives for Hampden's cast

Opening the page on a new Olympic chapter

Turning over a new leaf: the mayors of West and East Berlin meet with Juan Antonio Samaranch (centre),

president of the International Olympic Committee, to discuss merging the two Germanies. Report, page 23

as Scotland's national stadium that. remains uncertain, today hosts an exhibition match to comes into the category. "He mark the centenary of the is a crowd pleaser," Roxburgh Scottish football week.

The Old Lady of Scottish football will stage a game between Andy Roxburgh's young Scotland hopefuls and a Scottish League team chosen United manager. If special occasions demand special atmospheres, this event will have been helped by both managers who held a jovial court at yesterday's press

Nevertheless, the match it-

Hampden Park, whose future and the World Cup beyond

Pat Nevin, of Everton,

For such as the Rangers forward. Ally McCoist, there is the incentive to capture the place in attack recently vacated by his club mate, Mauby Jim McLean, the Dundee rice Johnston. He will be partnered by Robert Fleck, although it is probable that John Robertson, of Hearts, last season's leading scorer in the premier division, will make an appearance at some

stage. The Rangers full back, Stuself will be a serious matter art Monroe, is a surprise since several players in the inclusion. His chance arose from a freak accident to Alex to book a place in the Euro- McLeish who injured himself

Malpas will captain the Scotland team.

Due to various call-offs. Jim

McLean was unable to name his side, although he indicated that Hans Gillhaus, of Aberdeen, will start, as will Gary Stevens, of Rangers, and Robert Connor, of Aberdeen. He also indicated an appreciation of the nature of the ability. He is still one of the occasion: "Scottish football top front men in Scottish occasion: "Scottish football top front men in Scottish needs a real boost and we want football." to put on a positive show if possible. It is essential to remember that people are paying good money to watch ing too much.
"There will be a fair sprin-

kling of home Scottish players.

SCOTLAND: Goram: McKemmie, Malpa
Morros, McPherson. Collers, New
McAlister. McCost, McStey, Fleck.

McLeish out of action, Morris than the one of foreign stars. Andy's team will have more to play for, we are only playing for pride, and a place in the next game which will be 100

years from now." McLean has brought the Dundee forward, Keith Wright, into his pool, stating: "Being in the first division does not detract from his

Hopefully Wright, along with other leading players, can provide a game to honour 100 years of Scottish League footand I don't want to make it a ball and at the same time farce by chopping and chang- return some old-fashioned entertainment to Hampden

BOXING McAuley is full of confidence

DAVE McAuley certainly does not lack confidence. The International Boxing Federation (IBF) flyweight champion from Larne, who makes a mandatory defence of his title against Rodolfo Blanco, from Colombia, at the King's Hall on September 15, says: "I am the best flyweight in the world right now. I am unbeatable at eight stone and I am confident that I will score an overwhelming victory against Blanco."

McAuley will set an Irish boxing record by appearing in his sixth world title bout. But he may be well advised to temper his supreme confidence by recalling that in his first two world litle bouts, which he lost, he faced another fighter from Colombia in Fidel Bassa and word from South America has it that Blanco bears close comparison to the former World Boxing Association (WBA) champion.

Blanco, aged 29, has boxed only once outside Colombia, when he lost to Myong-Woo Yuh in Korea with the WBA junior flyweight title at stake. Since moving up to flyweight, he has won his last nine contests, all inside the distance including three straight knockouts, which suggests he is not lacking firepower.

BOSTON: Steve Collins, of

the Republic of Ireland, knocked out Fermin Chirino. of Venezuela, in the sixth round of a middleweight bont on Thursday (AP reports).

With the victory, which was borne largely out of a fierce fifth-round assualt from hwich his opponent barely recovered, Collins lifted his record to 17-1, with seven knockouts, and earned the right to fight the winner of today's Iran Barkley-Nigel Benn match for the WBO middleweight title.

By George Ace

"The US can no longer just

coaches.

enced college players, other countries have moved quickly to recruit their best players, many of whom now play in squad includes the point much experience."

LOUISE TAYLOR discovery that early promise can be too much of a good thing for a budding football career

come susceptible to injuries in National Football School at their twenties and thirties. "Suffering this type of injury to become potential inter- as a teenager males, you nationals, show that many vulnerable later on," Highes

Stress fractures occur because skilful teenagers play far too many games at a fi when when they are still developing physically. "At the moment our best

young players are playing between 140 and 160 games a season," Hughes said. "This leaves literally no time for them to be coached, which contrasts with the Continent ries related to stress fractures. where there is more coaching and less playing. As a result players in the rest of Europe tend to be both fitter and technically better than our

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In an attempt to reduce the problem, the FA is limiting with the Royal College, of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and the two bedies convened a conence on sport injuries at Lilleshall recently.

still admitted to the school Edmonds, the medical director at the Commonwealth years ago, who lold delegates: Many boys applying to Lilleshall already have significant injuries, sometimes stress fractures of the spine, which have not been recognised or appropriately treated.

Some are serious injuries which will result in permanent disability later in life. I see some former footballers in their thirties with the osteoarthritic symptoms you would expect in 70-year-olds, and often the problem started when they played too intensively as schoolboys."

BASKETBALL

US concedes need for professionals

After four years without a gold medal in international basketball, United States officials are negotiating with the top American professional league to release players for the national team.

throw a team out into international competition and expect to win a medal," Craig Miller, the assistant executive director for USA Basketball, said at the men's world championships here. "A lot of countries have caught up to our [basketball] knowledge,"

Miller said negotiations with the National Basketball Association (NBA), the leading US professional league, were concentrated on insurance for injuries to highly paid players and the selection process for players and

defending champions, have reached the semi-finals this year. They have taken a medal in six of the 10 world championships to date, but they are no longer dominant. That slide has come with the emergence of new international powers, strengthened by an International Basketball Federation ruling in 1989 that allows amateurs and professionals to compete for their national teams.

While the United States has continued to use inexperi-

plays for the Portland Trail Blazers, the centre. Vlade Divac, of the Los Augeles Lakers, and Zarko Paspali, who played for the San Artonio Spurs for most of this past season. Aleksandr Volkov, of the Soviet Union, joined his national team after ending his season with the Atlanta

Five other players compet-ing in Buenos Aires passed through the NBA: Jim Zoet and Siewart Granger, of Canada, Rolando Ferreira, of Brazil, and José Ortiz and Ramón Rivas, of Puerto Rico. United States basketball rules banned NBA players from the US team in this world championship.

The presence of NBA players on the US team, however, is no assurance of victory. Ken Shields, Canada's national team coach, said: "All the The United States, the good players in Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union play with clubs, which means they are men playing against men all day. The way they play is similar to international competition - it's a rigorous, fastpaced endurance test - and there is nothing in the US that compares to prepare a team for world level ball."

The present US team, with nine players aged 20 years or younger, is also unaccustomed to the pressures of international play. Aleksandr Gomelski, the former Soviet Olympic team coach and now technical adviser to the coach, Valdas Garastas, said: "The US team is good but it is a the NBA. The Yugoslavia very young team without

Torrance enjoys Belfry revival

By MITCHELL PLATTS GOLFCORRESPONDENT

WAS quite like old times in the NM English Open at The Belfity yesterday, with Sam Forrance assuming the lead blead of Antonio Garrido and Severance Ballesteros, both of Samith and Lawrence the pain; and Mark James, the lending champion. Quite like old times but not

completely as far as Bailes-eros was concerned. The Speniard is a tradionalist and he is not the least impressed by the changing face of golf equipment, indeed, he pulled no punches by stressing that in his opinion the Royal and cient should take action. "We have the square

poves, the metal woods, the aphite shafts, the long starts, I could go on," diesteros said. "We are pending upon factories, not ability. The game is becoming mechanical. We have to support skills. Money means a lot.

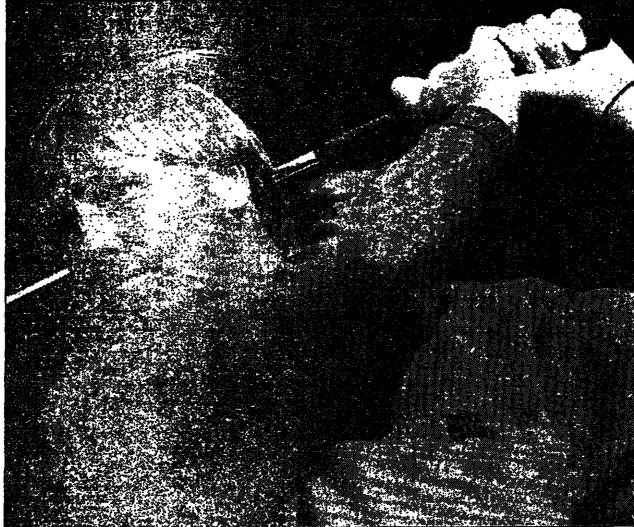
The new technology has changed equipment too much. But it is all in the hands of the Royal and Ancient because they have more influence than any other Association. They must realise the new equip-ment only helps the weaker players. It brings the whole

field together.

Tolayed with Ray Floyd in the US PGA championship last week and I saw him hitting his drives the same distance as mine. He is using the new Jumbo driver. I drive the ball long enough already so I don't need that club. But gives aged between 40 and 50 can hit it as far as me because of a new club. That is wrong, because if we keep going, then very soon we will need par fours of more than 400 yards. Ballesteros was less inclined to criticise the broom-handled putter which Torrance waved like a magic wand, although he aigreed with one observation

that it does not look right. Torrance, however, has stated that his career might have reached an abrupt end if it had not been for the manufacture by the Wilson sports company of his state-of-the-art putter. The putter cured Torrance of

He has still not won since the Italian Open more than three years, but that might not be the case by tomorrow evening. Torrance has an affinity for The Belfry, which is hardly surprising when one recalls the tears that he shed



Swinging into action: Sandy Stephen during his round at The Belfry in the English Open yesterday

Brabazon course when, in 1985, he holed the putt which enabled Europe to regain the has become unfamiliar terri-Ryder Cup for the first time

Then Torrance holed a putt of 15 feet with a conventional putter to overcome Andy North. Yesterday, with the broom-handle putter, which he has not changed for more than two years, he made from out of the ranks of several long putts, including one of 20 feet for a birdie at the tenth and another of 40 feet for a par at the 12th to complete a 67 for the lead with

a two-under-par total of 142. Torrance has worked harder than at any time during his career to propel himself back into a position from which he could very well win. This season, he has not finished in

on the 18th green of the so he is understandably aware that he will need to maintain his composure in what sadly tory for him. It has been even longer

since Garrido won. He missed no fewer than eight half-way cuts during a run of nine tournaments earlier this season, yet with five birdies in his last eight holes he climbed obscurity with a 67 to finished within one stroke of Torrance. Ballesteros made one putt of

30 feet at the eighth and another of 20 feet at the 11th for birdies in his round of 72, but even so, he did not have the best of fortune on the greens. James, who with a 68 moved alongside Ballesteros on 144, had his best putting round for many weeks. He the top ten in 19 tournaments, also struck some outstanding

shots including a two iron to three feet at the third and a four iron to eight feet at the 14th for two of his six birdies.

Sandy Stephen, one of three a 70 and at least the comfort of players to score 71 in the first knowing that for the first time

round, took 74 to remain in since June 24, he would take contention on 145. Ross home with him a pay cheque.

SECOND ROUND GB and ire unless stated

LEADING SCORES

ery reason to rue his mis-

fortune at the 18th when after

being five under par for the

day he took seven. It gave him

(SA), 75, 76; N USA, 74, 77; J RRAWES (SA), 75, 76; S Grappesonni (ft), 75; 'A Jones, 77, 75; S Grappesonni (ft), 78, 74; A Sovensen (Den), 75, 77; D Dumlan, 60, 72; P Teravasinen (US), 75, 77; W Stephens, 78, 74; D R Jones, 77, 75; P Watton, 75, 77; R Chapman, 76, 76.

Welch has late run to boys title

MICHAEL Welch hit a great one-iron through the wind to the 35th green at Hunstanton yes-terday to make certain of a 3 and 1 victory in the 36-hole final of the British boys championship. His opponent, Matthew Ellis, the lanky Weish boys champion, had driven into a bollow beside the fairway and was unable to get up in two.

The pair completed the morn-ing round in two hours 50 minutes, and this was a remarkable achievement in the strong wind which made playing from the bare fairways very difficult indeed.

the next three holes and was all square after 18. In the afternoon, Ellis stormed ahead, win-ning the 1st, 2nd and short 4th, which he birdied after hitting a three-iron to five feet. But he lost the 5th, where Welch holed a 40-foot putt from the back of the green for a birdie-three, and the 6th, where his ball kicked off the side of the green onto a

sandy path.

Welch regained the lead when
Ellis put his second into the edge of the Buckthorn at the 11th and he went two up at the 216-yard 14th, holing a 12-foot putt for a birdie-two.

The match ended on the 17th where Ellis conceded the hole when Weich had two putts for victory.

Welch had to beat four inter-

nationals in this event, and he played six games in last week's international matches at Hunstanton, so it may fairly be said that his success was a triumph of

LAURA THOMPSON

hen I think back to early childhood and to distant

memories of sporting he-roes, two figures come into my mind: George Best and Muhammad Ali. Best is only

a silent image of a glam-orous, long-haired Irishman, running loosely with a ball

My image of Ali is more

distinct, and certainly is not silent: I can remember, for

example, being shocked by his waxwork figure in that rather disorientating room at Madame Tussaud's which

contains "moving" effiges of

was as sure a sign of prestige

as being a guest on the Morecambe and Wise Show. An icon who transcends

all decades is Harry Carpen-

ter. A friend of mine recalls

Harry talking to Ali down the line during a sports

review of the year ceremony, laboriously formulating a sentence of Richardsonian

complexity which cul-

minated in an astute and

pertinent question. Ali lis-

tened and digested. Then he commented: "Harry, you

ain't as dumb as you look".

Frank Bruno so much, brimful as he is of trusting

devotion and respect. Here

is Frank, vacuum-packed

into a suit, allowed to com-

mentate with Harry on a

contest which ended with (I

think) a highly contentious

decision against Lloyd Honeyghan. "That's terrible, isn't it, Frank", Harry said in

that just slightly hysterical

voice he has when he is

genuinely absolutely furious

about something. "Very ter-rible, yes, Harry," Frank said, sympathetic beyond

On another occasion

RUGBY LEAGUE

Frank was being interviewed and was asked who, "outside

No wonder Harry likes

stuck loyingly to his toe.

ring and the screen

boxing", was his greatest hero. Frank thought. Finally, he gave us his answer: "Joe and terribly lucky; he will continue to pursue his blameless, televisual career through Blankery Blank and Comic Relief on to being head of a team on Question of Sport until he finally displaces Melvyn Bragg as presenter of the South Bank

the most prominent celebrities. (It contained also, at British boxers do tend to turn into celebrities, albeit of that time, a tableau vivant of varying stamp. Henry "Brut" Cooper was, of course, the most famous of the Apollo moon landings). Although he achieved fame in the early Sixties, my first memory of him dates back to about 1971, when he them all. John Conteh was a middle-rank Seventies pinup, the kind of chap who fought Joe Frazier, and he is might have turned up, minithus linked in my mind with mally disguised ("Jim Conde" or even "Tom other icons of the 1970s: Henry Cooper, boxer, star of Conti"), as the hero of a Jackie Collins novel. Barry one of the most successful advertising campaigns of all time ("Splash it all, over"); McGuigan is open to offers for Christmas pantomime and Michael Parkinson, television presenter, in the days when being on his chat show

he fame achieved by Terry Marsh is rather more questionable. Lloyd Honeyghan would. I feel, like to be a celebrity but lost credibility when he failed to recognize a close acquaintance on the Question of Sport picture board. "But he's your best friend." David Coleman, in delirious horror, yodelled as Lloyd regretfully concluded that no, he could not get it. He then went on to identify a Formula One driver sitting in his racing car as Mark

It is odd, really, that these men, who have devoted their lives to the task of knocking other men unconscious, should so often become such popular, indeed, aimost avuncular, figures. Perhaps it is a way of mitigating what they did even apologising for it.

In the same way, the concept of "Queensberry Rules", the idea that boxing is regulated by rigid standards, is held up like a shield against boxers like Mike Tyson. You may be trying to bash somebody's head in but you must do it like a gentleman and not like a street brawler. Opinions really do divide

weekend throughout last season

there was a veritable motorcade

of coaches carrying new-found fans from the valleys to north-

ern league grounds.

The Vetch Field becomes the

eighth football ground to stage a

main rugby league event. Others have been Bolton Wanderers,

Huddersfield Town, Hull City,

five figures attended exhibition matches. However, the move into South Wales suffered a blow with the collapse of the Cardiff and Bridgend clubs, and only now with interest at an all-

only now, with interest at an all-time high, have the waters been tested again.

Wigan, who have several senior players injured, give

opportunities to young squad members like Bridge, Gilfillan

and Forshaw. The Widnes side

contains Devereux and Davies

and the crowd-pulling wing, Martin Offiah.

WIDNES: A Talt: J Devereux, A Currier, Davies, M Offish: T Myler, D Holme; C Ashurat, P McKenzie, J Grime, E Koloto, Hulme, L Holliday, Subs: K Scransen, I Wright.

jealousy, since Tyson is not really the type of sportsman one would envy, but by a kind of fear - fear of the force within him. height of his were ers. seemingly saw him as a Then he was at the invincible, I saw him as a warrior figure, "brave Mac-beth, disdaining Fortune". Hundreds of years earlier, all that strength would have had vital purpose; now it is only a commercial asset. Before his defeat by Buster Douglas, which gave his detractors the chance to say how right they had been all along - Tyson showed no human desire to

about Tyson, even within marriages: for example, my

mother worshipped him as an all-conquering semi-deity while my father almost dis-missed him as a "hurry-up

merchani - he goes in and flails his fists around, and if they last the first few rounds,

he's in trouble". He inspired

the sort of dislike hitherto

reserved for the masked

wrestlers on World of Sport.

This hatred seemed to be

motivated not exactly by

no lovable Bruno, he was the real thing. It is not just the physical realities of boxing which are harsh: with so much money floating around the sport, it is bound to be susceptible to racketeering. When Nigel Benn faces Iran Barkley tonight, he will be attempting to win one of four possible middleweight titles, there being at least four groups who see themselves as the world boxing govern-

mitigate the truth of what he

did: he was no charming Ali,

ing body. For me, a certain mystique has always attached itself even to the less seemly side of boxing: an aura of East meets West End. of daring debutantes slumming it at bloody-nosed contests in West Ham Baths, of men with camel coats round their shoulders removing cigars from between their teeth just long enough to talk about their "boys", of Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton sitting in the front row of Wembley to watch Cassius Clay meet Henry Cooper. But the most potent image of them all is of the big black man - black shorts, black boots, no robe, walking into the ring, the naked fighter.

One-sided final to Cavalleri

SHLVIA Cavalleri, aged [7. a languages student at a Swiss school in Milan, produced some spectacular golf to win the British girls open amateur chain pionship at Penrith

yesterday. In a one-sided match — the first all-continental final in this event for 17 years - the Italian punior champion overcame Es-ther Valers of Spain, 5 and 4, having entier disposed of another Spaniard, Laura Navarro, with similar case. Cavalleri competing in her fourth successive British championship - she had reached the quarter-finals in the previous three years - finished a

aggoring four under par. from the start, was four up at the increase her advantage at the Valera got one back when the Italian three putted the 12th, but as puch and putt at the next restored Cavaller's advantage and she knocked a seven-iron see shot to within 25 feet of the she kat the 14th for a birdle two. The chairman of the LGU.
Joan Neville, announced that
because of the improvement in
standards, the executive council ould consider increasing the number of qualifiers from 16 to This week, out of the 16 who will into the matchplay stages. ten were from abroad.

mag. wester, Aroni ADFORD.

Missing Senti-finals: S.Cavelleri (H) bit L.

Navarror (Spi), 6 and 5; E Valera (Spi) bit B.

Caretten (Fr), 4 and 3. Final: Cavelleri bit Valena, 5 and 4. Second flight: Senti-finals: J. Moodle (Windy'nl) bit L. Dermott (6) Weityil); at 20th: L. Waston (Calcott Park) bit-Sakettia (Charleville), 2 and 1. Final: Waston bit Moodle, 5 and 4.

A Spanish song pitched to a Rocky Mountain rhythm

No. 2 last year, was recelling in the clear Rocky Mountain air on a par five uphill and Olazabal missed the fairway on the right, will in the rough after two yesterday.

The ambitious young man from Fuenterrabia in the Spanshots, but pitched to ten feet and holed the putt.

To recap, birdies are worth

two points, eagles five and pars nothing. For bogeys, players subtract a point, for double ish Basque country, not far from the Pyrenees, had accumulated 12 points under the tour-nament's modified Stableford bogevs or worse they subtract scoring system after nine holes. That left him only three points clear, panic not, even the players tend to become confused. What they do know, however,

behind Tom Purtzer, the carly leader, and two behind Steve Elkington, of Australia. Olazabal, who did not miss a is that they will probably need five or six points to make the 36fairway in the first round but missed several birdie putts in hole cut. Then there is another cut today and the 24 players the five-foot range, started the day with seven points, after four to tomorrow's round, where they all start again with nothing, birdies and one bogey in his first round. Starting at the 10th in an effort to encourage all-out, yesterday, he dropped a shot at the 11th, a par three where you

attacking play.

Greg Norman, the defending champion, now known as the However, he picked up six of call White Cobra after buying to company of that the short 16th (209 yards but, at name, whose clubs he is now

using and helping develop, was going to have to work a little bit after scoring a duck in the first round. Jack Nicklaus, designer of the golf course, was also struggling, after scoring minus

Ronan Rafferty, Europe's No. I last year, started the second round with two points but was back to nought after nine holes, and Andrew Murray, European Open champion last year, was likely to have the weekend off after an opening round of minus four. At least the views here are spectacular when

views here are spectacular when the golf is not. LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (points, US unless stated): 14: T Purtzer. 10: R Gâder, D Hammond. S Elkington (Aus.) S. M Calcavecchia, E Romero (Arg.), B Buttner. 8: H Irwin, D Love, M O'Meara. 7: J Huston, M Lye, J-M Olizzábat (Sp.), 6: B Lohr, T Byrum, B Clear, B Crenshaw, P Fower (Aus.). K Green, J Stuman, P Trittler, R Tway, H Twitty, C Bect. 6: Joe Ozaki (Japan), K Perry, D Pruitt. J Benepe. M Hutbert. T Watson, L Clements, M McCumber. Other scores: 4: P Senior (Aus.). 2: R Rafferty (GB), 0: G Norman (Aus.). C Parry (Aus.). -1: J Nacidatis. -4: A Mutray (GB).

Uzielli wins an international recall

ANGELA Uzielli, aged 50, who won the English women's championship at Rye in May. was last night recalled to the England team for the fourcornered home international series, over the Hunstanton course in Norfolk next month, There are three new caps in the line-up: Katie Tebbet, the English strokeplay champion. Fiona MacDonald, a Cambridge

find the green or trouble.

By CHRIS SMART blue, and Lisa Hackney, who performed well in the British championships in 1989 and

again this year. Three members of the Curtis Cuo team beaten so decisively in the United States last month Helen Dobson, Linzi Fletcher and Julie Hall — are included, while Caroline Hall, aged 16, the English girls' champion from Filton. Bristol, must be delighted to have been named as A forthright plea for our national game

second reserve.

However. Joanne Morle, from Sale, may have reason to be upset at being only the first reserve in a year in which she won the Birkdale scratch cup.

Into the valleys to test the rising tide

By a Correspondent

SINCE the CIS Charity Shield is the code in Wales, and each as much a propaganda exercise as an important trophy, the attendance and the crowd re-action at Swansea's Vetch Field tomorrow will be as important as the result.

The match itself brings together the leading two sides of last season, the multi trophy winners, Wigan, and the premiership winners, Widnes. Two strong sides, driven by intense rivalry, should provide as entertaining a match provide. as the result.

as entertaining a match as they did last season, when the same fixture was played at Anfield in deed, over the years, the number Liverpool. However, there is no doubt Welch turned two up but lost that the League's board of directors and officials will be much more concerned with the

size of the crowd, and the strengths of the reaction of the South Wales public.
So far, all seating tickets, about 3,000 of them, have been sold, and although the combined sale of tickets at Wigan and Widnes is less than 2,500, an attendance of 10,000 is anticipated. Thousands of supporters, it seems, have not purchased fickets, since the match is not all-ticket and the capacity is 16,000.

The last time that a rugby

league representative game was played in Wales was in 1984, when Wales played England at Ebbw Vale before a crowd of Since then, the huge exodus of

leading rugby union inter-nationals, such as Jonathan Davies, John Devereux, David Young David Bishop, Kevin Ellis and Paul Moriarty, has caused an upsurge in interest in

CYCLING

No easy ride for Belgian

By PETER BRYAN

THE best one-day-race field assembled in Britain this year lines up tomorrow for the Robert Price International Grand Prix of Wales at Abergavenny and marks the return of Jan Bogaert, the Belgian sprint specialist who won five stages of this year's Milk Race.
Bogaert later missed several

Leeds United, Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United's Old Trafford. key continental events because of injuries in a crash but is said to be back on top form. He leads the La William team, bringing with him his British prodeed, over the years, the number of fixtures staged sporadically runs into double figures.

When the League sought to spread the professional code into Wales during the spectator boom which followed the second world war, crowds well into

fessional colleague, Harry Lodge, who was fourth in the Welsh event last year. The 135-mile race includes town centre circuits at Mon-mouth and Abergavenny but the sting comes halfway through with four hard climbs in 20 miles followed by a fifth and the most difficult: The Tumble, a three-mile ascent near Blaenavon on minor roads rising to L600 feet. From the summit it will be a mad downhill rush to Abergavenny for the final text crowing

for the final ten circuits The Belgian will not find the race easy with his previous Milk Race adversaries, the winner, Shane Sutton, the runner-up, Rob Holden, and the mountain specialist, Joey McLoughlin,

specialist, Joey McLoughlin, among the 17 squads competing.
Last year's winner. Ben Luckwell, then an amateur, is not riding. He injured his back in May and, after an X-ay examination this week, may need an operation. need an operation.

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FISHING

Co-operation can be a key to trout recovery

By CONRAD VOSS BARK

west coast from Durness in the Highlands to Argyle in the south rest and also in the Hebridean

A slight improvement has been reported in some cases in the problem and they are very light for example, the Loch problem and they are very light force, and consider the problem and they are very light force, and though to co-operate. There is, however, great difficulty in carrying out research at section of this clusive fish, and though exhaustive tests are being made, it may be some

but: I was told by a hotel spokesman: Though the catch is much better they are all small fish, finnock. They are in good condition, but there has only oen one targe fish of 64lb."
The other locks and rivers. there have been few reports of temperatures. Faced with such an improvement. The Irish are killing conditions, sensible tish suffering similar problems. The would have stayed at sea. every.

SEA trout fishing in Scotland cause of the decline is believed suffered a disaster last year to lie at sea and examinations were caught in are being made of immature sea approximately a thousand miles lice that are attacking the trout of frees and locks down the The Scottish scientist. Andrew Walker, of the Freshwater

Fisheries Laboratory at Pitlochry, said: "We are working closely with Irish scientists on

1. (DU fish in a season.

Last year, the total catch was time before scientists find the cause of the trouble. It will take longer to find a cure. longer to find a cure.

England and Wales do not seem to have suffered from the

same problem. In the hig South Wales and Devon, catches have been poor, but this may have been caused by the drought, low In the haleyon days of the fifties, sixties and seventies, football

football hooligans and agents to "give us back our national game" will be made next week by a London housewife and mother. Julie Welch, now a SPORT ON

mother. Julie weich, now a scriptwriter and playwright, was Britain's first woman football writer (with *The Observer*) who turned her back on the game she foved because it had changed so On Thursday, on Channel 4's "Opinion" programme (8pm) she will make a forthright plea for football to be handed back to

the people by the football hooli-gans, who bring our nation a bad name throughout the world, the agents who manipulate players and clubs, and politicians who seem to think the game was only

about ID cards.
"I will really be arguing that football is very necessary as our national sport." Julie says. "We have lost consciousness in ourselves as a nation. We have been too busy making a material success of things that we have forgotten our roots.

When you go to a match, you get this collective nationhood. TELEVISION THE WEEK IN VIEW

KEN LAWRENCE'S guide to the best of televised sport in the was part of the spirit of the age.

It was taken away from us by hooligans. agents and politicians." Now it is time, she insists, for it to be given back.

Julie admits: "Hand on heart, I did not miss football when I loft it there were are. left it three years ago. Frankly, I was sick of it. I did miss reporting. I had worked every Saturday of my adult life and I miss that dreadfully, still. With young children to bring up, it was difficult to go to a match; as they are growing up, it will be nice to watch some again. I was inspired by Gazza and Lineker in the World Cup. They were wonderful — and they were 'our boys'."

another, for rediscovering lost roots. Jonathan Davies, once "one of the boys" in the valleys, a rugby union hero when he masterminded Neath, Llanelli and the national teams in his No. 10 shirt, returns to those roots he left behind when he turned professional nearly two years ago. Tomorrow, he plays his first game of rugby on Welsh soil (albeit on a soccer pitch) since he left his native land for the meaner countryside of Widnes and Lancashire.

It is quite a week, one way and

Widnes and Lancasine.
Widnes play Wigan at Vetch
Field, Swansca, in rugby
league's Charity Shield and as league's Charity Sineid and as the prodigal prepares for his return, he ponders whether he will be welcome. "It is going to be nerve-wracking," the 27-year-old from Trimsaran says, all too aware that Swansas is a maken welcome. rugby union town first and second. "I would like to perform very well...hopefully I can." BSB has exclusive live cover-

age of tomorrow's match (from 3pm) and Screensport is showing something of the match between the two "gismour" clubs of rugby league. Although a union stand-off

half, with 27 caps, he has foundadjusting to that position in the
professional game difficult.

You can still be the playmaker
there, but the league code is a
very different game to union.
Most converts found it difficult
to adjust quickly and anyway, I
do enjoy being in the centre."

Davies, once union captain of
Wales, has already won five

league caps for Great Britain
and started in the fecent lour
victories over New Zealand and
Papua New Guinea. With many
old fans bussing in to the game, I
think Davies can expect a warm
welcome, though his team will
probably get a much hotter
reception from Wigan, who took
four of the five rugby league THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The WBO title may lack credibility worldwide, but that does not worry Nigel Benn: he likes to call himself world middleweight champion. He will either be a no-account fighter after his Las Vegas meeting torsight with Iran Barkley — or be in line for a big pay day against Roberto Duran, Sugar Ray Leonard or Michael Nurn: LWT 9.55pm.

TOWORNOW Sunday Grandstand, with athletics from Cologne and the final round of the English Open golf championship: BBC2, 1.55pm.

THRRDAY American parents who see their chaken as meal tickets are spawning a new and wornying hyperic the smortified stable "Chicken as meal tickets are spawning a new and wornying hyperic the smortified stable "Open golf championship: BBC2, 1.55pm.

6.30pm.
MONDAY it is getting ever harder to find something slightly resembling a "highlight" on Mondays: try a tucky dip — boxing on Eurosport: Spin-10pm.
TUESDAY flacing purs on law better programmes than the Ebor meeting at York: Channel 4 cameras

half, with 27 caps, he has found league caps for Great Britain

impossible": BBC1 3.30pm.
THURSDAY American perents who see their children as meal-tickets are spawning a new and worming bread the sporting stream total. On the Line" looks at the two year-olds who are tored to go jogging and lift weights. BBC2 8.25pm.
FRIDAY After a null-fader sufficier, with second day of the first Text. with

IF ITALIA '90 marked a ago, expects, or rather hopes longest summer breaks in renaissance of English football at international level, those attending today's Tennent's Charity Shield game between Liverpool and Manchester United at Wembley will be seeking tangible proof that success, like failure, can be

Traditionally the new season's curtain-raiser is a source of disappointment. Players are lacking match practice, managers are prone to experimentation in a tactical sense and a competitive edge is often absent despite a passionate crowd and an impos-

expected of today's meeting of Britain's most successful club and Britain's most glamorous

Cup. United have been ushered forward, perhaps prematurely, onto the threshold of a new era of success.

potent force in English football and the lack of transfer market activity over the past emphasise that, at present, the club is as stable as ever. Alex Ferguson, the United

manager, and Kenny Dalglish, his Liverpool counterpart, unwittingly found themselves at odds yet again yesterday as they discussed today's game. Ferguson anticipates a rug-

ged encounter while Dalglish, for whom Wembley has become a second home since joining Liverpool 13 years

to go close to breaking all records for receipts — and numerous charity organisations — iii kenefit

for, a much more sedate affair. many years, both sides will be weakened by injuries. Liverpool will definitely be "It is always a very big game when Manchester United play lacking Hansen (knee), Nicol Liverpool and Wembley is a (groin), and Molby (groin) and lovely stage upon which to although Gillespie and Staunplay such a match before the ton have travelled to London season actually starts," Ferit is unlikely that either will progress further than the substitutes' bench.

> Although Beardsley lost his place towards the end of last season, he is likely to partner Rush in the Liverpool attack at the expense of Rosenthal, the Israeli international whose goal-scoring exploits while on loan persuaded Dalglish to pay Standard Liège of Belgium £1 million for his services. United will be without Webb (calf strain), Martin (back strain) and Robson who is not fully recovered from his recent Achilles tendon operation,

Pallister, the mainstay of a defence which proved to be well nigh impregnable during a recent tour of Ireland, may be asked to play despite having several stitches inserted in a facial wound last

Inevitably, Ferguson's major selection dilemma revolves around his choice of goalkeeper. Leighton, who was left out of the United side for the FA Cup Final replay against Crystal Palace, participated in the 1-0 victory over Glasgow Rangers at Ibrox on Wednesday night but is bracing himself for another embarrassing snub. Sealey. who signed a 12-month contract after replacing Leighton against Palace, is likely to be given the opportunity to establish himself as the club's

"I will not be making my decision until the morning of the match," Ferguson said. "I have played Les and Jim in sequence throughout our preTop seeds justify rankings by reaching junior tennis finals at Easbourne



Both eyes on the future: James Fox drives a backhand at Eastbourne yesterday

Henderson doing almost every-thing asked of him at No. 2.

Henderson's age - 79 - bump

their bowls, impairing length. Drummond-Henderson's deliv-

ery is as smooth and athletic as a

youngster's.
Today Cheltenham play
Poole Park, who won the last

nine ends of their match against

Sullivan and Steve Rees, of Old Landorians, the pairs.
Thomas, the Welsh captain, beat Ritchic Morgan, of Aberystwyth, 21-9, in the semi-final and was expected to have things year, much his own way.

Many players of Dr

School colleague stands in way of Maclagan march

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

MILES Maclagan will meet Mark Schofield, his colleague at the Lawn Tennis Association School at Bisham Abbey, in the school at issuam Anoey, in the final of the 16-and-under singles at the Prudential national grass-court championships at East-bourne today. Provided, that is, the wind and rain, which has made playing tennis a virtual impossibility at times this week,

Mackagan, the No. I seed, finished off his quarter-final against the plucky James Fox, winning 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, in the morning and then made rather shorter work of Barry Cowan, of Lancashire, after hunch in the semi-final. The match was never in doubt after the Zambian-born Scott had strolled through the

Schofield, the No. 3 seed, also had some unfinished business from the quarter-final, beating Andrew Burgoiyne, of Kent, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2. A few hours later, he was embroiled in a two-hour manathou against the No. 8 seed, Matthew Coombs, who had enjoyed an impressive win

against the No. 2 seed, Andrew Richardson, in the quarter-finals the previous day.

Having lost the first set on a tie-break 7-4. Coombs dropped his serve early in the second set, but recovered to lead 5-4 and 6-5 before opening up a 4-1 lead in the second set tie-break. But, in the second set un-mean. Dut, an extremely tricky conditions, Schofield kept his nerve and it was the Essex boy who finally cracked, serving a double fault on match point to give Schofield the animates of warterers.

the narrowest of victories.

The 16-and-under girls final will also feature the first and Siddall had a tough first set against the precocious Amanda Wainwright, who only turned 14 last March and who has enjoyed an excellent week amidst her elders. Wainwright showed remarkable composure to heat Gillian Charnock 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in the quarter-final, but just lacked the power to hurt the No. I seed. Having lost the first set 7-5, she ran out of puff in the second, while Cross upset the No. 2 seed, Julie Pullin, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.

Rehe's comeback disrupts Sabatini

From Barry Wood in Los Angeles

GABRIELA Sabatini refuses to back was merely to finish a see her surprise defeat by Steph-anie Rehe in the third round of thrilled with her victory, and the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles as a threat to her US Open

The No. 3 seed was beaten 5-10 No. 3 seed was beaten 5-7. 6-4. 6-4. The result re-confirmed Rehe, aged 20, from California, as a formidable competitor, despite several doctors writing off her career after she suffered a serious back injury in a car accident 21 months ago.

Rather than point to any Rather than point to any shortcomings of her own, Sabatini preferred to praise Rehe. "She played unbelievably. She just went for the shots and all the balls were going in. I didn't think she could play the whole match that way," she said.

Rehe's first goal in her come-

that she appeared fitter than Sabatini, especially in the final set. "It really means a lot to me, with all I've been through," Rehe said. "She seemed to me to be getting a little slow, a little lethargic, so I focused on mov-ing her and being as aggressive as I could. It was just a matter of a few points

only 42 minutes to defeat Cata-rina Lindqvist, 6-1, 6-1.

SHOOTING

Bhargava in sight of the title

BRITAIN'S young shooters were aiming for leading honours n the Canadian championships in Ottowa yesterday as the grand aggregate, the overall champ-ionship, approached its final stage (our Rifle Shooting

Correspondent writes). On vesterday's standings. with one event to be added. Bob Best, of Canada, led with 739 points, from Anil Bhargava, aged 18, of Epsom College, two points behind, and Gary Feast, aged 26, of Herifordshire, a further two points back.

Jeremy Langley, aged 22 from Exeter, who had been leading earlier, lost points badly in torrential rain. This put him out of the grand aggregate, but he won two of the subsidiary aggregates, the all comers and maple leaf, while Bhargava took the cadet aggregate.

Glyn Barnett has a tie-breakto come for the short-range aggregate and the Queens prize-winner. John Bloomfield, has a shoot-off for the Gibson trophy. Shoot-off for the Gibson trophy.

RESULTS: All comers aggregate: 1. J
Langley (GB), 366, 2. J Electhield (GB), G
Feast (GB) and G Chase (Car.) 364 Maple
leaf aggregate: 1. Langley, 366, 2.
Bloomfield, Feast and Chase, 384 President's prize: Oueen's II: 1. G Frasei
(Can), 150-25-25-14-15, 2. A Powell (Aus);
3. A Weekes (GB cadets), 4. Bloomfield: 5.
J Jackman (GB) Cadets aggregate: 1. A
Bhagava (GB), 596; 2. T Erskine (GB),
594; 3. S Osmond (GB), 597; 4. R Burch
(GB), 595 Gibson Trophy: ne to be reshot
between Bloomfield and two Candians, all
150 Short range aggregate: be to be
reshot between G Barneri (GB) and two
Canadians, all
256 Grand aggregate
standings: 1, R Pitcairn (Can), 739; 2.
Bhargava, 737; 3. Feast, 735. Rex
Goddard team match: 1, GB Acheings,
1574 (T Erskine & C Mactadyen 69), 2.
Carsotian Cadets, 1572, Outlander team
match: 1, GB Blive, 1174; 2. Austraka,
1162; 3, GB Red 1150.

Allcock closer to EBA first

BOWLS

TONY Allcock, who has failed semi-finals last year. to win a significant EBA title in to win a significant EBA title in 18 years of trying, skipped his Cheltenham team to the semi-finals of the Woolwich National Triples championship at Worthing yesterday, with runaway victories over Luton Co-op and St Albans Townsend.

Once again, Andy Wills, Allcock's lead, laid the foundations with Jack Drummond-The other semi-final is be-tween Welford on Avon and Walker (Walls End). Welford, finishing the semi-final se finishing strongly, forced an extra end against Woking Park, tying the scores 18-18. Simon Davies, the Welford Skip, threaded the shot through a cluster of front bowls, and when Norman Hezzell, the Woking tions with Jack Drummond-

Skip, fired, the jack cannoned back in Welford's favour. Walker beat Bolton, picking ots on the fourteenth end to lead 16-10 and leave Bolton too awkward a task in the time remaining. The Walker No. 2 is Bob Stephenson who reached the final of the world

indoor pairs at Bournemouth four years ago.

Reading to pull up from 4-9 to 19-9. The same Poole Park triple — Brian Shepherd, Ron Porter, and John Kingdon — lost in the shots over the last four ends to

In the morning, it was 11-11

lan Carnuthers, the Dalston (Cambria) lead, put his first bowl on top of the jack on the last end of the match against St Albert Townsend with the Albans Townsend, with the sides locked at 21-21. It looked safe until John Cox, the St Albans Skip, flicked it out. RESULTS: Second reund: Welford on Avon 24, Wymondhum Dell 11: Welforg Park 27, Bade 16, St Albuns 11: Challanham 11: Challanham

win 23-11.

Townsson 22. Rolls-Royce 11; Challantam 22. Carton Downs 7: Residing 20, Marlow 8; Bratol 25. Sarshuch 14; West Commen 20, Borough of Eye 14; Cadon City and County 15. Woherton Town 14: Bolom 19, Trophings Wastbourne 14; Hindday 23, Long Eaton Town 15; Lechury 15, Polim End 12; Dalston 18, Boscombe Call 15; Luton Co-op 18, Buggly Town 11; Husstanton 16, Summertown 12; Poole Park 18, Thompson Park 16, Third result: Welford on Avon 14, West, Comwell 13; Wolding Park 18, Oxford City and County 15; Botton 23, Hindday 12; Watter 19, Lechury 19; Sr Albans Townsend 22, Dalston 21, Challecham 25, Luton Co-op 5; Reading 16, Bristol 15; Poole Park 25, Hunstanton 11, Quarter-Steels: Welford on Avon 20, Woking Park 18; Welford 15; Childrenham 25, Luton Co-op 5; Reading 16, Bristol 15; Poole Park 25, Hunstanton 11, Quarter-Steels: Welford 21, Bolton 13; Chellenham 22, Sr Alpans Townsend 5; Poole Park, 18 Reading 9.

Welsh titles to West Glamorgan THREE West Glamorgan bowlers who have cut a higher profile internationally than at the caretaker. He postponed a the caretaker. profile internationally than at home finally managed to win Welsh outdoor titles at BSC Tinplate. Ebbw Vale, yesterday. Will Thomas, of Pontrhydylen, took the singles and Terry Sullivan and Steve Rees, of Old Landonians, the pairs. bone transplant operation until the end of the bowls season, and

form.

Treherne let Thomas get away
on the sixth with a cheap four on the sixth end, but on the 18th end, when Thomas, the Welsh captain, beat Ritchic Morgan, of Aberystwyth, 21-9, in the semi-final and was expected to have things very much his own way in the final against Robert Treherne, aged 28 a newcomer, from Llanbradach. Treherne has been bowling under a consideration of the semi-final transport of the semi-final land with the jack, which, instead towards the mat and left the semi-final land with the jack. from Llanbradach. Treherne has been bowling under a considerable handicap this summer fifther was crucial: 18-13 is a 21-17.

far cry from 16-15.

RESULTS: Singles: Send-finate: P.
Treherne (Lientradiach) bt L. Platts
(Aberavon), 21-8: W. Thomas
(Pontrhydyfern) bt F. H. Morgan (Aberystevath), 21-8: next. Thomas bt Treherne,
21-14. Finat: Greenslade bt Price, 21-8.
Pains: Send-finate: T Sulfivery and S. Rees
(Old Landoriens) bt G and D. Wilson
(Pontymister Adri, 25-13: W. Letman and Els., 30-12.
Triples: Send-finate: Tompandy (S.
Wilshire) bt Old Landoriens (T. King), 2017: Graig Merthyr (S. Thomas) bt Pernbroke Dock (Fi Bestin), 21-13.
Fours: Send-finate: Abertrider
(Mounty) bt Lampeter (J. Edwards), 27-15.
Tompandy (L. Peddins) bt Tompandy (S.
Wilshire) bt Letter (J. Edwards), 27-15.
Tompandy (L. Peddins) bt Tompandy (S.
Wilshire), 19-18. Under-25 simples: Send-finate: J. Greenslade (St. Fagars) bt J.
Wilsdins (Pontrhydylen), 21-6: A. Price
(Armaniford) bt J. Webley (Dinza Poeris),
21-17. has surprised himself with his

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS ATHLETICS AYLESBURY: Beastrook road race (10am), 1. G Waghman (Darthor et 13 0mm 13 sec. 2. A Beatte (Shaftesbury Bernet) 3177, 3. A Beatte (Shaftesbury Bernet) 3177, 3. A Beatte (Shaftesbury Bernet) 3177, 3. A Badey (Aloreshot, Farman and Dirarcti, 31.21. Veteran, C Steptoc (Vale of Avesbury), 33 44. C Steptoc (Vale of Avesbury), 33 44. Women: 1. S Tooby (Carrait), 34.21. 2. Bean, Wrise (Bormocrows and Reddicto), 35-10. Veteran, 1. S Farrar (Hesson), 42-28. Morphite (Gosform), 24.24. 2. P Winght (Morpetin 24-31, 3. D Couli (Morphit), 24.36. Veteran, 1. J Peacock (Worth Shelts) Poly), 25-58. COLINDALE Representative match 1. Botsh Saudents, 1560ts, 2. Southern Cournes, 140, 3. Surrey, 130. Women: 1. Southern Cournes, 74; 2. British Succents, 70; 3. Surrey, 36.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Incians 7. Minnesora Twens 5. Milwayaee Brewers 8. Detroit Tigers 4.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Swansea City 5. West Bromwich Alborn 0. Heart of Middoman C. Albor Almest 1. Motherwalf 1. Dundee 0. Aberdien 1. Chersay Town 1. Queen 5 Park Rangers 1. BILLIARDS

BOWLS BOXING

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMP. IQNSHIP: Heanor: Gloucester one 372-8 dec IP Bemonoge 108, O C K Smith 88 D A Graham 95, A Adultene 5-1151 Certoy-tore 60 (E T Milburn 4-29) and 24-4 Minchels and Bediens: Warnetichine 315 IN M K Smith 74, J D Raschile 95 G R Diene 5449 in 1291, colum Butters: Warwick: hug D Reachfie SC, G R Dise

SHOOTING

SNOOKER

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING

TENNIS EASTROUGHE: Prodental junior grass-court chempionethips: Quarter-fenilet Beyer 16 and under: M MacLagen (East of Scotland) tri J Fot (Lincolnstaine), 3-6, 4-6, 8-3; M Schotlad (Lancestrie) bit A Burgome (Marcl, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 Gints: 16 and under: M Wannwright (Essen) by G Charrock (East of Scotland, 7-5, 7-3, 8-7, 7-5. Semi-finetic Beyer 16 and major MacLagen to B Cown (Lancestrie), 6-0, 6-6 Schofield bit M Coomits (Essen), 7-6, 7-6, Girts: 18 and under: S Sixthal (Dorset) bit Warminght, 7-6, 6-2 K Chole (Dorset) bit Warminght, 7-6, 5-7, 6-5. K Chole (Dorset) bit Pullin (Sussen), 5-0, 5-7, 6-2.

WINDSURFING FRANCE MC 1,000km rece: Feartmenth leg (flyeres-florres): 1, J Vassborn (Nept. 81.352/sr; 2, K Cherner (Tur): 61.362/sr; 2, K Cherner (Tur): 61.362/sr; 3, 8 Scionson (38): 60.064, A Corressy (Switz): 60.048, Fitneseth leg (Bormes-6: Maxima: 40.061; 1, Edgington, 44.8030m, 2v 50mic; 2, Charner, 43.559, 258; 3, E Laboe (15): 43.205, 301; 4, Vassborn, 42.840, 394, 355, 347; 2, Charner, 38.800, 348; 3, Vassborn, 38.820, 3-59, Overset: 1, Vassborn, 38.820, 3-59, Overset: 1, Vassborn, 45.866; 3, Laboe, 619.387.

YACHTING

back-up for

MANY international riders head north this weekend for the Scottish Horse Trials Champ-Scottish Horse Trials Champ-ionship at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder, where they will relish the good ground as a result of some rain this week (a Special Correspondent writes).

The world charmionship gold Correspondent writes).

The world championship gold medal winner. Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, brings Ricochet, his back-up horse for the 1992 Olympics, which has won two spents recently as well as being

events recently, as well as being fourth in the British Open last weckend, Ian Stark of Scotland, a prolific winner here, rides Charlie Brown and Kinsman, plus two in the other

Thomson, fields Samuel, the promising William, and Cuthbert, while Leslie Law rides his

subject to the domino effect.

"People have said this game is a friendly but I do not think that you can call any game against Liverpool, at any time, a friendly. There will be a great deal of spice involved. If you look back over the years, the Charity Shield has always tended to be a competitive fixture and both sets of players will be very keen to win this time around." Understandably much is

Typically, Dalglish employed is own distinctive form of tunnel vision, preferring By virtue of winning the FA instead to set his sights on next Saturday at his club's opening league fixture at Sheffield United.

"There is no extra edge Liverpool remain the most because we happen to be playing against Manchester United. We shall treat it like any other pre-season friendly. 10 weeks simply serves to This is simply our last game before the start of the new season," he said.

"Of course, we are looking forward to it. It is a good curtain-raiser for what lies ahead and it is another game to help improve the players' match fitness. I am sure that it will be a little more relaxed than it would be if it was, say,

frontcally, after one of the

Shield tops £3m mark

THE Football Association ves-terday broke the £3 million barrier in donations to charity from the proceeds of its Charity

The FA spokesman. David Bloomfield, said: "We are not yet sure of the exact receipts for this year's match between Liverpool and Manchester

BRIAN Clough vesterday cut

failed signings by selling the forward. David Currie, to Oldham Athletic for £450,000. It

Currie made three full appear-

IN BRIEF

Richards

pulls out

THE West Indies cricket cap-tain, Viv Richards, has pulled out of the tour to Pakistan this

autumn. The Antiguan bats-man, aged 37, is to undergo an operation on his haemorrhoids

and will need to rest for several

operation to clear up the prob-lems I've been having with my backside." Richards said. "The

surgeon has told me there

should be no problem about playing international cricket for a few more years."

Bikes go green

Chambesy. Switzerland (AP) -

Grand prix motorcycling will allow only unleaded fuel from

next season, the International

Motorcycling Federation said.

Campbell first

Andrew Campbell, of Bedford, won the overall championship in the Bisley rifle shooting from Steve Le Couillard, of Jersey, in

a tie-break. Scotland regained the Bovril Challenge Shield and England retained the Culf Chall-enge Cup in the women's match.

Cap Sogea, sailed by Jean Yves Fure, took both line honours and the final 65-mile leg of the

DeVere Challenge from Brigh-

ton to Southampton yesterday. He was overall class-3 winner.

LeMond rides

Greg LeMond, the Tour de

France winner for the past two

years, has been confirmed as a

starter for the 1990 Nissan

Ouit dilemma

Paul Forber, the St Helens rugby

league forward, has been ad-

vised by a surgeon to retire

immediately. Forbes, aged 26, is

seeking the club surgeon's opin-

ion on his neck injury before

Bourke again

Glen Bourke, of Australia, won

the third time at Newport.

Rhode Island, yesterday Of the

British entries. Sleve Rich won

race six. Tim Powell came

fourth and John Lasenby

deciding

Ireland from October 3 to 7.

Furc sails in

"I've been advised to have an

weeks afterwards.

Darlington player.

his losses on another of his

money from this game will mean that we have now been able to pass on a total of £3 million to charity since 1974, when the Charity Shield was switched to Wembley."

This year's match is expected

Currie keen to join Oldham Oldham Athletic manager, and become the club's second record signing in two weeks.
Royle had set a broken the previous record by paying Brighton £240,000 for the goal-

was only eight months ago that the Nottingham Forest manager paid Barnsley £700,000 for the keeper, John Keeley. But he is more than over £250.000 in former Middlesbrough and credit on his transfer dealings ances under Clough, and eight as substitute, scoring one goal. He took just 15 minutes ves-

of Denis Irwin, to Manchester United, for £625,000, the goalkeeper. Andy Rhodes, to Luton Town have accepted a Dunfimline for £100,000, and £180,000 offer for the midfield

move from Norwich to Arsenal. Currie starts the season under suspension and will miss Oldham's first two games in the second division ● The Republic of Ireland inter-

national forward John Byrne is likely to join Brighton and Hove Albion after a fee of £125,000 was agreed with his French club.

terday to agree a four-year the £200,000 cut Oldham re- player. Mick Kennedy, from contract with Joe Royle, the ceived from Andy Linighan's Stoke City, of the third division.

Northern Ireland, Irvine's Rey-

nard-Mugen is prepared by the

Silverstone-based Eddie Jordan

Allan McNish, from Dum-fries in Scotland, is thought by many to be the brightest British

motor racing prospect.McNish. aged 20, proved his maturity and resilience by fighting back

after being involved in an accident at the start of the

season, to take victory in the next race at Silverstone.

3000 championship is also a

success story for the British motor racing industry. Every car

racing in the series is designed and built in Britain, while the

The International Formula

MOTOR RACING Hill chases change of luck at finish

By Steven Slater

DESPITE strong opposition superbly judged victory at from Italy and France, three Hockenheim, in Germany, is British drivers look likely to Eddie Irvine, from Conlig. head the field as the Inter-national Formula 3000 championship returns from the European circuits to Britain. European circuits to Britain.
Brands Hatch in Kent hosts the eighth round of the series this weekend, followed by the Halfords

Birmingham

Superprix on the city street

Allen Mobile Dordan

team, who last year took Jean
Alesi to the Formula 3000

championship crown and on to

Grand Prix stardom with the

Tyrrell Formula One team. Halfords Birmingham Superprix on the city street circuit on Bank Holiday Mon-

day.

Heading the field of potential British winners is Damon Hill, aged 27, the son of the former double world champion, the late Graham Hill. A notable racing driver in his part right. Hill has driver in his own right. Hill has led four races this season and has qualified fastest for the last three in his Ford Cosworth-

powered Lola car.
Hill's season has however been bedevilled by misfortune, with mechanical failures and accidents allowing him to finish conly once this season, but a change in luck will almost certainly place him on the formula 3000 car, and the

Honda-based Mugen engine are A strong contender after a developed in Britain. Mercedes hold Jaguar off front row of grid

By a Special Correspondent

MERCEDES-BENZ yesterday took the two front-row positions on the overnight starting grid for tomorrow's sixth round of the world sports prototype cham-pionship in West Germany. In the first qualifying session both the Jaguar XJR-11 cars comfort-ably beat the Nurburgring track record but still were not fast

enough.

The overnight pole position was clinched for Mercedes by Jean-Louis Schlesser, the world champion, and the second fastest time by one of the team's junior drivers. Michael Schumacher. In cold but dry conditions. Schlesser beat the record by no less than 2.78 seconds, for an average speed of

126.46mph. Martin Brundle and Jan Lammers, unless they can improve their times this afternoon. look set to start their Jaguars from the second row of the 32car grid in tomorrow's 300-mile ADAC Trophy race. "Most of

weeks ago. but we didn't do that." Brundle, the 1988 world champion, said. "We are missing it. We have a new suspension set up, and I'd say it's about 60 per cent right at the moment. But we can improve the cars a lot before the race. The factory Joest Porsches.

driven by Jonathan Palmer and Frank Jelinski, unexpectedly out-qualified the Toyotas and Nissans yesterday, indicating that, like Mercedes, Porsche is making a big push on its home Circuit The Mercedes drivers. Schles-

ser. Jochen Mass and Mauro-

Baldi, go into the Nurbergring race tied for the lead of the nine round series, with 27 points round series, with 27 points cach.

QUALFYING TIMES: First session: 1, J-L.
Schlesser (Fr) Mercedes, 1:20,334; 2, M.
Schumacher (WG) Mercedes, 1:1013; 3, M.
Brandle (GB) Jeguar, 1:22,783, 5, J.
Lammers (Neth) Jejuar, 1:22,783, 5, J.
Palmer (GB) Porsche, 1:23,664, 6, F.
Jegnak, (WG) Porsche, 1:23,845; 7, G.
Lees (GB) Toyota, 1:24,996; 8, M. Blundel (GB) Nissan, 1:25,438, 9, K. Acheson (GB) Nissan, 1:25,554; 10, B. Schneider (WG)
Porsche, 1:25,783.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Philhas 5. San Francisco Giants 4, New York Mets 4. Los Angeles Dodgers I, Persourgh Pirates 1. Atlanta Braves 3: San Dego Pagres 3. San Dego Pagres 3. San Dego Pagres 3. San Louis Cardenais 2.

BANGALORE India: World championship Group A: D Merecam (NZ) or K Smissma (Sm Lanka), 1,220-836. N Paul (India) 1: M Spoorman (Hel) 1,472-734. Group B: M Koham (India) bit S M Shanarward (Sn Lanka), 1953-684. M Googani (Eng) bit S Clarke (N Ing), 1,551-800, K Géles (II/2) bit S Shaharward (Sn Lanka), 1 poetro Shaharwardi (Sri Lanka) 1 196-879 Aus) w/o D Shedden (Scot), scr

COUNTY MATCHES: Gloucester 99, Buckerghartstee 111; Oxforastine 143, Br5, tol Cny and County 84, Warwickstere 129, Heritordstere 85. BOSTOR: Maddeweight: Steve Collers (Ire) to Further Chimo (Ven), 6th rea.

CRICKET

NEW ROCHELLE, New York: Wemen's tournament Leading first-round scores (US) unisses school, 68: 1 Green, 69: R Jones, D Armadozanne, M Sozarin, K Monaghan, 70: B Dares, P Sneenan, D Coe (Can), C Schreyer, C Morse E Buntowsky (Can), D Sposing, G Hull, 71: 7 Fyztzer (Can), 72: J Wyan (Can), J Stannenson (Aus.) Bridst: 72: P Wingst, 74: K Davies, 75: C Pierce (GB) CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Man's tournament (modified Schleierd scoring system): Leading trast-round scores (IIS uniseas extraor) CASTLE ROCK, Colorado: Men's bournament imodified Stableterd scoring system; Leading trast-round scores (IUS unless stated); 14-pts: T Purzzer 19: S Ekungton (Aus), R Gales, D Hammond St E Romero (Arg), M Calcavecche, W Burtier B: Hawin, D Love III. M O Mears 7: J-M Colorates (SO), J Huston, M Lye, R Lote & B Cretanew, C Beck, K Green, E Claer, H Tweny, T Byrun, R Tweny, P Fowler (Aut.), J Shuman E Cough R Tweny, P Fowler (Aut.), J Shuman E Cough R Tweny, P Fowler (Aut.), J Shuman E Cough R Tweny, P Fowler Salten), J Shuman E Cough R Tweny, P Fowler Leading sected-round accores (Japon unless street) 138: TC Chen (Toward, 65, 68, 179: S Fuglis, 70, 99; M Ozals, 89, 70; 1482; S Fuglis, 70, 99; M Ozals, 89, 70; 1482; S Rewamata, 71, 59; E Hentra (Colt. 71, 69; I Woosnam (Cal., 67, 7; 141; T Nakiagnia, 71, 70, M Kemura 70, 71; K Tomon, 70, 71; H Kase, 69, 72; T Nakiagnia, 73, 7 Watanepee, 67, 74.

FOOTBALL

GOLF

RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCH; Under-19: Manawatu (NZ) 10, SHOOTING

BISLEY: Netional small-hore rists complete ships: Rocket WIND Traphy (class X ang.): 1.
A Campbell (Bedfordstein), 2597/ts (1,337): 2.
S. Le Coulierd (Land), 2597/ts (1,337): 3.
Simpson Jr (Wind, 2,896, 2.597); 1395/ts 3.
Simpson Jr (Wind, 2,896, 2.597); 18 Woodell (Wandsworth), 2,862; 2.
S. P. Terr (How (Bedfordstein), 2,575 (1,320); 3. P. Terr (How (Bedfords, 2,675); 3.
Carry (Heister), 2,563; 2.
S. Norton (Chobram), 2,664; 3. P. Walton (Decoruri), 2,950. Str (heritas Walter Cap (class C agg); 1.
M. Morgan (Bedford), 2,625; 2. B. Pgeon (Pinamood), 2,616; 3. M. Skrippings (Aldingbourne), 2,615. Elliots Lees Shield: 1, Surrey, 2,232; 2. Buckinghamshire, 2,224; 3.
Sussex, 2,218. Bevil Challenge Shield frome countries international; 1. Scotland, 3,778; 2.
England, 3,746; 3. Northern Instand, 3,721.
Guil Challenge Cup (violent's international); 1. England, 2,854; 2. Scotland, 2,824.

HERSBY, Norloik: Pot Black/Pontin's UK junior open championships Under-19: Constanting States of the Constanting States of

LEICESTER: European juntor championobly: After compelsory figures: 1. N Gruzdeva (USSA), 82.500pts: 2. E Azarova (USSA), 81.916, 3. A Pugasharko (USSA), 81.133. 4. L Skidmore (GB). 81.050; 5. I Belogiazova (USSR), 80.116; 6. O Novokschenova (USSR), 79.800,

HARVERCHE Lombard British Optimies chemicischine: Third day: cancelled. Fourth day: Gald Fleat: 1. D Williams (Restronguet; 3. I Patry (Weston; 4. A Stopson (Datched; 5. M Store (Royal Harvert); 8. V Woodmast: (Royal Harve Macur, etc., Rhode Island: Laser untid chempionable: Shok more 1; S Fisch (GS; 2,5 Bourtow (US); 3, S Kerner (US); 4, T Powel (GB); 5, P Demon (NC); 6, K Escart (Den); Plani overall: 1, G Bourto (Aux), 11, 75 pts near: 2, Bourtow, 23, 75; 3, F Tarachet (Br.), 36, 25; 4, Rich, 4, 75; 5, C Govers (GS), 46,00, Cdeer British placings; 9, G Kelv, 65,00; 10, P Karskmot, 65,00; 12, Powel, 69,00. PEMBROKESHREE YC. Micor netices championships: Formit sace: 1, D. and C. Warmin (Burton); 2, A. Unebarn, and I.-A. Holmes (Rickmareactrit); 3, C. Unebarn, and I.-A. Holmes (Rickmareactrit). Fifth mee: 1, Dand C. Warmin (Burton); 2, M. Chedwick; and L. Smale (Parzance); 3, C. Uymeham and S. Owen (Rickmareactrit). Owensile 1, Dand C. Warmer, 2, M. Chedwick and I. Smale; 3, C. Lymeham and S. Owen; 4, G. Wilsons and V. Bell (Chipsteed SC).

Trua Lindqvist, 6-1, 6-1.

RESULTS: Third cound: K Rinadd (US) bt J Novaina (C2), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt R Fairburik (US), 6-2, 6-0; K Maisteva (Bul) bt R Contzer (SA), 6-2, 6-0; M J Fernandez (US) bt C Gaterneleter (Peru), 6-3, 6-2; S Rethe (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Frazzier (US) bt N I assiste (PI), 3-6, 6-7, 6-1; M Saless (Yug) bt A Smith (US), 6-3, 6-3; M Novationa (US) bt C Lindquist (Swe), 6-1, 6-1. **EQUESTRIANISM**

Germans

go clear from rivals From a Correspondent

IN ROTTERDAM

THE West German team won the Nations Cup in Rotterdam by aimost three fences from Switzerland, with Belgium close behind in third place. Britain, aisth at the halfway stage, with none of their quartet going clear

improved to fifth place. Nick Skelton, normally the safest of riders in cup competitions, was first to assay Henk Jan Drabbe's course with Alan Paul Grand Slam and was unlucky to rub the planks, which were to come down only too easily. However, he responded with a clear in the second round. Peter Charles, on Domino, had 12 faults in the first round and eight in the second for the discard score each time Micheal Whitaker hit the final element of the combination with Hender-son Tees Hanauer in the first son Tees Hanauer in the first round and the planks in the second round. His brother, John, on Henderson Grannusch, surprised the crowd, and probably himself, by refusing at the fourth fence in the first round. He too came back with a clear second mand.

clear second round. The Germans, who were drawn last in the first round, returned three clear rounds even though Karsten Huck, bronze medal winner in Seoul, picked up three-quarters of a time fault. in the second round, two clear rounds and four faults from Elmar Gundle, on Printz, en-sured that Ludger Beerbaum did sured that Ludger Beerbaum did not have to start a second time. REBULTS: Nations Cap: 1, West Gar-many, 4,75 faults: 2, Seitzamand, 16: 3, Beigkum, 16: 4, Spain, 18:5: 5, GB 20.75: 6, France, 21: 7; Hay, 21.75: 8, United States, 28:75: 9, Manico, 29:28: 10, Netherlands, 33: 11, Austria, 47:25, Na-tions Cap Trophy Standings: 1, France, 30pts: 2, West Germany, 28:5: 3, GB, 26:5.

Tait takes his trials attempt

The British champion, Mary

Windsor winner, Haig, and Treasure Island. Rachel Hunt has taken over kacher frunt has taken over the ride on King's Jester from Jane Thelwall, and Richard Walker, Lucinda Green, Anne Marie Evans (nee Taylor), as well as Karen Reuter and Ann Hardanay, both from the

Hardaway, both from the United States, and Bryce Newman, of New Zesland, are among the 44 competitors.

The world silver medal-winners, Virginia Leng and Karen Straker, compete in the advanced class with their up-andcoming younger horses. The dressage is today and cross country tomorrow.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Martini at

top of list

of missing

Germans

in all, six German players on a list of eight men and there

women emered in writing by the German Squash Rackets Association, have so far failed to put in an appearance.

Only Benjamin Bay was here

yesterday, defeating England's Enc Sommers in straight games, Two others, Jochen Arndt and Finn Wichman, telephoned

confirmation of their arrivals later, and Daniela Greenia is expected for today's first round of the womens championship.

Earlier in the week, the draw for both fields was remade when ten professionals, including four

facied to confirm their entries. Some of the British entries

were open to question because they were not made on official entry forms." Casper Seegars,

the vice chairman of the ESKF,

said. "But we have signed entry forms for some of the absent

players and the entire German

contingent was officially entered

by their association in writing." The -ESRF vice president

sion of Adrian Davies, of Wales,

and Geoff Williams, of England,

in the new draw. Davies, who had missed the original entry

closure date by one day and

requested a reserve listing, was immediately elevated to first seed with a bye into today's

Williams, a former British champion said to be close to

gving up the international cir-cuit, was yesterday given a testing welcome to the tour-nament by Andrew Hubbert, an

independent German entry, Williams won 10-8, 9-5, 9-4 in 53 minutes, and then asked: "If

that is a qualifier, what is the

rest of the tournament going to

Shocks for

Jahangir

gained a dramauc success-over

the world No. 1, Jahangir Khan, in the New Zealand Open

championships here yesterday to claim a place in the men's

final.

There was a sumprise of

slightly lesser proportions in the

women's event in which the Channel Islander, Martine Le

Moignan, who is seeded third, deleased the No. 2 seed,

Danielle Drady, of Australia, Although Le Moignan's 9-3, 3-9, 9-1, 9-7 win was against the recent form book, the world

champion was rarely in trouble.

No so Janangar. With the Pakistani well short of his peak

Robertson, aged 24, the third seed, defeated him for the first time in some 30 meetings, 15-8, 15-11, 16-17, 15-7.

Robertson was on top form

and Jahangir, who has not played since the British Open.

made far too many errors. "Now I think I can start beating him a bit more in the future." Robert-

son said. Jahangir saved a match ball in the third game but

ran out of steam in the fourth.

In the other semi-final, the

rune other semi-inal, the second seed, Jansher khan, of Pakistan, the world champion, began as if his passage over the Australian, left-hander, Chris Dittmar, would be a formality, instead, he was forced to go the distance before here.

distance before winning 15-7, 15-7, 10-15, 13-15, 15-3,

Dittonar, the fourth seed, started slowly and Jansher

quickly won the first two games with his relentless retrieving. In the third game, Dutmar became

the third game, Dillmar became more aggressive. But the effort took its toll and Jansher's superb fitness enabled him to race through the final game.

Le Moigan's opponent in the women's final will be the top seed. Susan Devoy. The New Zentender made her trivial class.

Zealander made her usual slow shart before disposing of the Australian Robyn Lambourne.

RESULTS: Semi-finate: Marc: C. Robert-son (Aus) bt Jerarge: Angr: (Pau), 15-8, 15-11, 16-17, 16-7 Jamere: Atan (Pau), 15-8, 15-11, 16-17, 16-17, 15-7, 16-18, 13-15, 16-3, Women: M. Le Mogneto (Eng) bt B. Draty (Aus), 8-3, 3-9, 9-1, 9-7, 5 Devoy, Aus), 6-1, 9-6, 19-9, 19

7-9, 9-0, 7-9, 9-1, 9-6.

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RESULTS: Man: First o

Benn should leave town with his crown in a boxing showdown redolent of gunsmoke and gang warfare

Penniless gamble on Vegas jackpot

IN LAS VEGAS

THERE is a pungent whiff of gunsmoke hanging in the air over this demented city in the desert. Two men repeatedly declare that they are "going to war", a boxing euphemism indicating that they are going to wage a contest of erocious, all-out assault with no thought of retreat. It will not be an occasion for the faint-hearted here tonight

Nigel Benn and Iran Barkley, the American threatening to take away the Londoner's world middleweight title, are frightening figures when they climb into a ring to ply their painful trade. And in best Barnum and Bailey tradition,

clashes of the year.

Their aggressive style on this side of the ropes can also be more than a little provoking. Benn explodes in fury at any mention of the British Boxing Board of Control. He rails at them for interfering in his affairs, denying him oppo-nents who would bring him bigger purses and for failing to grant his manager a

Barkley's image is of a more sinister aspect. He admits to having been a member of one of New York's notorious street gangs in the past. He gives boxing and his manager, John Reetz, the credit for rescuing him. Reetz fears that the penniless Bark-ley would probably have soon returned to the degradation of

York but for the purse he will get for trying to take the World Boxing Organisation title off Benn tonight.
But Barkley could be gam-

bling with his sight. With such a background, Barkley is clearly a hard man not to be trifled with, but he is carrying heavy burdens which Benn will be ready to exploit.

The American has been in too many "wars" in the ring and in the gym to know any other way than to come off his stool slugging. It enabled him to take a World Boxing Council title off Thomas Hearns in 1988 but it was not enough to enable him to hang on to it when he met Roberto Duran 18 months ago.

An operation to repair a torn retina in his left eye kept him out of the ring for the last 12 months and after balloon-



Bardey 25 whs (19 Inside the distance), 6 detects.

ing to 2171b he has had to take off more than 4st to make the weight limit. That drastic reduction, a long lay-off, his ravaged frame and his nowcaused him to be banned from British rings - are worrying not only his

It does not worry Benn, who said: "He could come into the ring with only one eye as far as I am concerned. It doesn't bother me. He is going to try to take my title away and I am going to stop him. It will be war." Benn, a former foot soldier.

knows a thing or two about combat and he reckons his army discipline will see him through this contest and enable him to cope with the strenuous training be will be involved in for the hoped-for clashes with Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns, which he is banking on providing him with enough money to retire on next year. If he sticks to his battle plan he will be carrying the fight to will have very far to go to meet him - but he will have to keep his defence intact. Barkley carries a heavy punch, as he showed when he knocked out Hearns in three rounds after taking a pasting. Benn's technique has improved considerably in the

past year but if he allows the

American to connect prop-erly he will have to rethink

Barkley knows his best chance of success is by finishing it off quickly. A drawnout contest would expose his presumed lack of staying

At least they will meet in an air-conditioned ballroom, rather than have to endure high humidity in an open-air venue in this gambling town. But the crazy cackle of slot croupiers and drinks waitresses has accompanied the boxers as they have walked to and from their training sessions in a town that revels in the tawdry and the gaudy. It is a town of glittering

lights where the gambler is king - or more often pauper. It is a great place for winners but a lousy one for losers and Barkley has the look of a loser. If he loses the fight and suffers no further lasting damage, that will be a bonus to add to his \$200,000 (about

£105,000) purse money. Both boxers will be getting out of Las Vegas as soon as possible after the issue is decided. Benn should be taking his championship belt home to West Ham . . . if he remembers to duck when the

From Coun McQuillan IN ROTTERDAM THE European Squash Rackets have failed to appear at the European closed championships Among them was Carol Mar-

ini. once the golden inter-national hope of German squash but now little more than a talented difference, who simply did not appear yesterday for his scheduled first mund match against Hugo Benschy, of Switzerland. Another, Michael Ehlers, tele-Another, Michael Ehlers, tele-phoned just before his sched-uled match against Martin Rintoul, a Belgian-based Eng-lish player, to say he was still at work in Germany. Franz Schwerer similarly failed to show for his first round match against Colin Keith, of Scotland.

Scarcity of Test potential in under-25 cricketers as slow Edgbaston pitch contributes to an uninspiring draw

India and England's youth restricted by their limitations

By JOHN WOODCOCK

NOBODY can have minded Edgbaston. much when the match between England's young batsmen to get a move on. The hopefuls and the Indians only one to do so yesterday ended at Edgbaston yesterday.

It would have taken a much stronger and more experienced batting side than the TCCB's to get anywhere near the 300 they were set to win in a minimum of 56 overs, and a vastly more penetrating attack stroke he played from down than the Indians possess to the pitch off Illingworth was have bowled them out. At the truly astonishing. Had he been

25 XI it should be possible to well up the Mound Stand. It name four or five who seem destined to play, say, 25 Test ing Sidhu to go to his bundred matches. But I would not back by driving Medlycott for six.

myself to do so, with any

The combined figures of myself to do so, with any ably Martin Bicknell, but on Stephenson one really stood out. The Medlycott's 14, which was English bowlers found wickets only two more than Stephen-

only Stephenson passed 50. When, after so many weeks slow as they mostly are at the whoever goes in this capacity whether it can ever be dif- kept very busy. ferent, so long, anyway, as the

By Ivo Tennant

GODFREY Evans, who is 70

today, was the finest wicketkeeper of his generation

and, quite conceivably, the best there has ever been. His ability

was manifest, his vitality infec-tious. "We only need two more wickets tonight and we're through them," he said once to Trevor Bailey. The score was 330.2

At his best which was gen-

erally in Test matches, Evans brought off dismissals when others would barely have moved. He stood up to Alec Bedser and held authentic leg

when the batsman was circum-

spect, he thought nothing of attempting to take a earch in front of the wicket. He had a marvellous eye and did not

repine for long over any mistake

Between 1946 and 1959, he

played in 91 Tests for England.

Of his 219 dismissals. 46 were stumped. Contrast that with Alan Knott's total of 269, of which just 19 were stumped. It

which just 19 were stimped. It says something about how the game has changed. Knott. Evans readily acknowledges, was outstanding and yet he feels wicket-keeping lost a certain expertise when Knott and others stood back for much of the time.

"Alan reasoned that he would

last longer if he did so and it is

true that the wicketkeeper who

EDGBASTON: The TCCB think, with something to play runs in a Ranji Trophy season Under-25 XI drew with the for, would have had much to (Rusi Modi is the other), he for, would have had much to show for their efforts here at

It was not easy, either, for was Tendulkar, who came in when Sidhu had spent most of the morning advancing from 48 to 94 and immediately began to hit Medlycott and Illingworth for six. From a diminutive 17-year-old, one finish, they were 110 for three. batting at the pavilion end at Of a representative Under- Lord's it would have finished had the effect, too, of prompt-

confidence, from among those Medlycott and Illingworth, on show here. I expect the TCCB's two spinners — Hussain, with three under his 55-9-199-3 - speak for thembelt already, will, and prob- selves. For some reason allowed Edgbaston's turgid pitch no Illingworth 41 overs to no easier to come by than the son gave himself. Again yes-Indians, and of their batsmen, terday there was a testing cross wind, though Illingworth had a decently accurate spell beof sunshine, the pitches are as fore lunch. I am afraid that

There was some agreeable groundsmen are told to take batting from the tall leftthe grass off. Lord's and Old handed Raman, who can con-Trafford were short of any-thing in the way of bounce for the last two Test matches, and not even the West Indians, I

Evans the amiable showman

who relished a big occasion

Evans: finest wicketkeeper

batsman would not attempt so many sharp singles, would be fightened to death when the bails were whipped off and might be caught at second slip

through not getting fully for-ward. In those circumstances,

the wicketkeeper is the focal point of the game." Evans cites his best wicket-

keeping as having been in Australia in 1946-17 and there

again in 1950-51 to Bedser. As a batsman quite capable of mak-

ing useful runs quickly, he has especially fond recall of scoring

the run that won the Asnes on

his next tour to Australia, in

his character that Evans did not

It was entirely in keeping with

has a nice fluent sivle. Yesterday he passed 50 for the seventh time in his past 10

When the TCCB side went in, any idea that they might have a dart at the runs they needed was soon dispelled. Shahid, Thorpe and Johnson were all soon leg-before, whereupon Stephenson and Blakey played quietly through until the end. Having not got in in the first innings, Blakey took the chance to show the natural touch which could yet take him on to bigger things.

Total (for 3 dec)

S V Manyretar, D B Vengsarkar, "R J Shasm, S Sharma, A Kumpte and A Wasson did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-134, 2-167, 3-194. tenson 6-2-15-0, illing diyooti 5-0-29-1.

TCCB UNDER 25: First linengs 232 for 4 dec (J P Stephenson 116).
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dd not gat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-19. BOWLING: Praphakar 7-3-13-2; Sharma 10-3-23-1; Wasson 14-6-18-0; Kumpie 5-1-9-0, Tendulkar 6-1-24-0.

showman. He relished the atten-

tion when he dressed up as Carmen Miranda on MCC's

long voyages to Australia. In

front of a meagre crowd on a wel

Monday at Gravesend, his great

talent would be submerged in

the uniformity of county cricket.

Hence when England had no further use for him. Evans promptly retired. He had suc-

ceeded Leslie Ames and Knott.

the third in an extraordinary

triumvirate, was soon to be his own successor as Kent's wicket-

keeper. Evans became, in due course, cricket adviser to Ladbrokes, and it is for that as

much as his Pickwickian whis-

kers that he is best known today

by these too young to have seen him play. He remains unrepentent over the famous odds of 500-1 that he offered on

England winning the 1981 Headingley Test against Austra-

lia. "Someone had to win," he said, "and it did not look at the

Later this month, he will celebrate his borthday at a dinner given for him in London. He is quietly pleased that a new

biography of him is selling quite well. Then on September 16 he

makes what he insists will be his final appearance in a charity

match between a Kentish Celeb-

rity XI and the Lord's Taverners. Go if you can to Canterbury:

rest assured that, even at the age of 70. Godfrey Evans will not be

The standard of rughy was variable but the muster in charge at Trent, Tony Roll.

recommends a tour to the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

performing like a long stop.



Lancashire Derbyshire on a heady brink and Drady juniors

too strong By George Chesterton THE Laucashire under-16 XI were in an unassailable position after the first two days of the Texaco County Championship finals at Uppingham yesterday and Devon Malcolm presented

the trophy to the Lancashure Some excellent bowling per-formances by Jonathan Crawshaw and Andrew Payne had set them on the road to convincing victories against Warwickshire and Surrey. With the bat, Mark Harvey and John Ratledge assisted by Payne saw the runs knocked off in these matches for the loss of three wickets overall. Glen Chapple, who has played for Lancashire second XI and represents England at the under-17 level, gave impressive all-round support.

Steffan Jones with a high easy action bowled well in each match for Wales, his five for 27 well supported by Shahed Amin, saw Warwickshire bowled out for 57 despite a battling 20 by Rohan Kallicharan. Wales went on to win by six wickets.

Jones had bowled well against

Surrey on the first day taking
four for 63, but his side fell 40

short of the target.
Surrey made the highest score of the finals yesterday, making 207 in their allotted 50 overs. adding 65 in a nine-over period atter lunch. Wales did nearly as well against Lancashire reaching a total of 197 for 8.

a total of 197 for 8.

RESULTS: First day: Warmickshire 84 (A Payne 3-15, J Cramstraw 3-19, N Malden 3-18), Lancastraw 85-2 Surrey 173 (G kenns 67, S Jones 4-83), Wales 143, Second day: Warmicksnie 57 (S Jones 5-27, S Amin 4-11), Wales 58-4, Surrey 125 (G Crapple 3-33, A Payne 3-31, Lancastrie 127-1 (M Harbey 71) Wales 197-8 (G Lains 51) v Lancastrie 51) v Lancastrie 51) v Warmickshire.

Refuge Assurance League for the first time. There is no reason to suppose that further success will not be forthcoming. As Kim about joining the unofficial tour to South Africa last winter. "It to South Africa last winter. "It has been acce to know I could concentrate on Derbyshire's cricket this season," he said.

Derbyshire have achieved their success, what is more, without Bishop, who does not play on Sundays. They will include their other overseas player, Kuiper, who will not be teturning from South Africa bext season. Morris, who was injured in the Test match at Old Trafford, has recovered from his Barnett. Derbyshire's captain, said, there should be minimal change to their side in the next few years. "We have become more mature and experienced. The seam bowing makes for a good unit and we have always been able to score runs quickly.

Derbyshire have more wins -1 — than any other county and if they win tomorrow cannot be caught by Lancashire, who are joint first but have played one more match, or by Middlesex, who are four points behind. If Middlesex do win the League, it will, said Barnett, have had much to do with the availability all season of Gating and Embirey, who toured South Africa with him.

So there should be an excellent turnout tomorrow. Between 7,000 and 8,000 are expected, with a large contingent coming from London. This will be as many as have been seen at Derby's quaint and unprepossessing strained for unprepossessing ground for a

taincy has improved this season as a result of not missing matches through Test calls. Consequently, he has no regrets Love a threat to Buckinghamshire

MINOR COUNTIES REVIEW by MICHAEL AUSTIN

JIM Love, the Lincolnshire and former Yorkshire batsman, presents the principal threat to Buckinghamshire winning the Holt Cup for the first time, at Lord's tomorrow. Love scored a hundred in each innings of the game against Staffordshire this week, becoming the first Lincolnshire batsman to do so since the championship split into east and west divisions

Barnett feels that his cap-

into east and west divisions eight years ago.

Buckinghamshire have played at Lord's once, 15 years ago, when they lost to Middlesex by 99 runs in what is now the NatWest Trophy. This will be Lincolnshire's debut there but they have four players with first-class experience. class experience, compared to Buckinghamshire's three.

Both teams are stronger in batting, with prime stroke players for Buckinghamshire being Makeolm Roberts, a centurymaker for the Minor Counties

and Hedges Cup this summer, and Paul Atkins, who has a dual registration with Surrey.

A cup and championship double beckons the winners because Buckinghamshire stand that on the section and the section of the s

on September 9.

Neil Hames, the Bucking-hamshire captain, has the completion of a treble in mind. He led the county to the championship title in 1987, when they also eliminated Somerset from the Markler Somerset from the NatWest

In contrast, Neil Priestley, in his second year as captain of Lincolnshire, has set his sights on winning the first title since the club won the championship in 1966, when he was five years

Buckinghamshire lost the op-tion of including Simon

because Buckinghamshire stand third in the western division and Lincolnshire are second to Staffordshire in the east. The championship final is at Luton their confidence with a pre-final win, at Buckingham Town over win, at Buckingham Town over Constitute, whose captain, win, at Buckingham Town over Oxfordshire, whose captain, Phillip Garner, had a worrying experience. Garner, who also leads the England Amateur XI, was taken ill during the game and sent to hospital by ambulance for an injection as a precaution against salmonella

BUCKENGHARBHRE-(from): N G Hames, M J Roberts, A R Harwood, P D Antons, S Burrow, T J Sowien, G R Black, S G Lynch, T J Barry, B S Parcy, D J Goldanith, C D Booden.

LINCOLNSHIPE (from): N Presiley, D B Sorier, J D Love, M P Felt, N J Gangon, S N Warmen, R C Hobet, I L Port, N J Engegoth, A Jets, N French, D A Christman, D Marshell.

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circumventing (He lake in which Lessing, who comes from the swim takes place

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Family ties help when | Trent College foiled in final match | Hobson faces a strong pilots take to the air

smands up to the stumps drops play his best cricket in the

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE value of being brought up in a family involved in competition gliding has been clearly not satisfy the age limit, he has nonetheless earned a top-ten shown by the leader-board at the national junior championships

The three pilots leading the event — Mike Young, aged 25, and brothers Phil Jones, also aged 25, and Steve Jones, aged 22 — are all the sons of

not satisfy the age limit, he has nonetheless earned a top-len qualification in the recent Senior Open, where his younger brother. Steve, finished third. Yesterday, the trio led a field of 40 on a 200-mile racing task win Fly and Stratford-op-Ayon. via Ely and Stratford-on-Avon in less than favourable wind

competitive gliders, and their displays at Dunstable have helped their plans to gain selection for the national team squad at the world championships.

Although Phil Jones will not qualify for the European junior (Discus), 2,263; 7, M Miser-Smm (Discus), 2,216. which the weather forced flying

conditions, after three days in

SCHOOLS RUGBY

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

where Trent has hosted the A PARTY of 25 Trent College boys have returned from a successful tour of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, winning srout of the seven matches. The only loss was 25-0 in their last Rugby Football Union National Youth week, run by Don Rutherford and Ron Tennick. assisted by the divisional coaches, "Chalky" White. Alan Black. David Show, Tony Biscombe and Keith Bonser. Four bundred players aged 15 to 20 benefited, the final weekend being devoted to 120 potential. match, against a powerful Newfoundland Under-19 side. They beat Nova Scotta Province Under-18s 25-0: Picton County Select 18-6; Highlanders Under-185 33-4; CBS Baymen 22-0; Dogs Under-18s 12-6 and Switers Under-18s 15-10. being devoted to 120 potential

Tony Rolt also organised three courses at I rent under the negis of "rugby class", two fiveday courses for eight to 16 year-olds and a weekend course for fathers and sons, attended by Gary Rees, Simon Hodgkinson, Rolt has been busy at home. Dean Richards, and Les Cusworth, all of whom helped with the coaching. In all 650 boys have enjoyed Trent's excellent

Trent should be strong this winter, following the tour and Pavis the captain, has seven players with first XV expendence to call on. The pack should be strong and mobile. Glenalmond had a dis-

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appointing season last winter, with five wins from 17 games but 14 boys return with first XV experience. Peter Brown, the captain and a strong running wing, and his vice captain.
Andrew Bryce, a Scottish schools trialist at prop. seem certain to lead a successful side.

challenge to keep title

THE British national shortcourse championships, at Wakefield tomorrow, promise to be
the highlight of the home season
(Ian Sweet writes).

The race, which is open only
to British nationals and race
licence holders, has attracted the
strongest possible men's field. It
includes Glenn Cook, the 1989
world silver medal winner; the
delending champion, Richard
Hobson, who is this year's long
course champion; and Simon
Lessing, who is in the British
team for the European
championships in Linz, Austria,
next week.

South Africa but has a British
mother, has been racing for the
French club. Salon TC, and has
been in excellent form.

The Wakefield course is
slightly too long. It comprises a
lightly too long. It comprises a

TEXACO CRICKETLINE

Baddeley will bring breath of fresh air to a demanding task

By RICHARD EATON

STEVE Baddeley has been handed the chance to become one of the most influential figures in the sport with his appointment as the first manager of the British Olympic

For a player who once doubted his ability, whose game betrayed evident technical limitations, and who questioned whether he should commit himself to a career in badminton, Baddeley's new role is another landmark in a year in which he has already become the country's most successful modern player.

Those who remember him as he was may find his with the determined use of appointment hard to believe, four common qualities: The diffident fellow with the brains, courage, hard work and the pale, serious face also had physical strength, became the most-capped Eng-lish international player, the first Englishman to reach an appears to have had one other all-England semi-final since quality that was genuinely the war, the first to win both the Commonwealth and Euro- his ego. pean titles, and was a popular choice to be a future England anything, has brought him to manager. anything has brought him to

Yet Baddeley caused a sensation by retiring from ideas, made him unwilling to competition earlier than expected and going to Scotland him popularity with officials to become that country's nat- and even with rival players. In ional director of coaching and an era when it is easy to feel received to receive a transfer and pardevelopment. He has now cynical and oppressed by the man, no work sorth, why in been out in charge of the attempt to bring back a medal from Barcelona, a task that is vital for the future funding of the British game.

Baddeley, aged 29, has



Baddeley: influential task

achieved his roll of honour with the determined use of slightly awkward physique and loyalty. As a player, he unusual: the ability to efface

Perhaps this, more than become receptive to different rest on his laurels and gave self-centredness with which represent himself differently professional sportsmen in- And it ansone doubts that he evitably protect themselves, can perform the tasks before

"I feel very lucky, but I

the faith people put in me." Baddeley said. That quote could easily have been applied ments - from the moment, as a teenager, when he had to sit for three nours on the beson before making a lich Alfa-ment-testing debat for England, to the day to 1964, when he was asked to silence in: most formidable crowd in the world by taking on the islaidssian No. 1. Misbun Sidek, in the Thomas Cup finals in from of 10,000 speciators in the Negara stadium, and to the moment last month when he allowed a brilliant piece of

The faith placed in him is pleasing, but it is viso laden with pressure. The weight of expectations right now is especially heavy. Badminton in Britain is fighting to arrest a decline and Baddeley will inevitably be seen as one of its potential failures. A card-carrying member of the Labour party, with a social conscience that continually pesters him, he will feel keenly that he has let other people down if he fails,

piracy from the Scots to

smuggle him to Glasgow

But, if his intelligence and monu strength are sometimes

Baddeley is like a breeze on a him, they might remind thems selves of the doubts he had to overcome all those years ago.

Manton colt has Longchamp objective after sparkling Newbury victory



Gavin Husband enjoys his moment of glory at Newbury, partnering Finjan to an all-the-way victory in the apprentices' handicap

Norwich gives Hills team fine Hungerford encore

By GRAHAM ROCK Foret over that distance at Longchamp on October 14 would be a likely autumn target. Michael Jarvis was pleased

York Stakes next Thursday."
Barry Hills looked likely to

win the Washington Singer Stakes as Caerdydd disposed first of the unraced 5-4 favourite Rahif and then Producal Blues.

supporters beginning to cal-culate their winnings than Steve Cauthen produced Heart Of Darkness with a perfectly-timed

the season.

BARRY and Michael Hills won be Gardner Merchant Handerford Sockes for the secone sear running at Newbury percentas when Norwich made al! ic gemolish a useful field. It was apparent halfway up the straight that Alichael Hills's enterprising tactics were likely to succeed. Fedoms came out of the mich, but a respectable distance behind the leader, and was still lour lengths admit as the basy winer crossed the line. rice garlered them into the

words, adding that Norwich had proved too headstrong in his early career and throughout this season rad been fined with a special bit, similar to the one corn by Impiyon, which proved successful to a degree in curbing Proposition site aroway style. Lost years winner. Distant Received went on to land the portester ton Celebration Mile.

e 27' days later, but Norwich is and bely to follow suit. "Seven

Glint Of Gold. Land Of Ivory was speedy but compact and it's nice that this horse has got a turn of foot."

Michael Jarvis was pleased turn of foot."

The Dewhurst Stakes is the Fedoria acquitted himself creditably in his first group race.
"He's in the Kiveton Park race at Doncaster, which looks an obvious choice, but this is a very tough horse and if he came out of the race bouncing we would think about the listed City Of York Stakes next Thursday."

turn of foot."

The Dewhurst Stakes is the winner's most prestigious engagement this year but lan Balding, who won the race last season, would not commit himotory to a repeat challenge.

Hills and Cauthen combined to win the Ladbrokes Handicap with Model Village but earlier Henry Ceral's deburant Curpture

to win the Ladbrokes Handicap with Model Village but earlier Henry Cecil's debutant Chipping had proved a disappointing favourite for Cauthen behind Zonda and Lilian Bayliss in the Seven Barrows Maiden Fillies The winner's experience

proved decisive here, and Paul Cole said that Zonda, who was Darkness with a perfectly-timed un to land his 100th winner of he season.

Lilian Bayliss, seemingly drawn on the unfavoured stands side, ran a race full of promise and it would come as possental from the stands. "At a support of the said that Zonda, who was proving and was potentially a nice filly, would be unlikely to run again this season.

Lilian Bayliss, seemingly drawn on the unfavoured stands side, ran a race full of promise and it would come as

going to win," lan Balding said afterwards, which was not apparent from the stands, "At in the stands and its second and its last we seemed to have found best of this large field in due the right type of mare to send to

(M McCormack), Bold Russian

(B Hills), Thakib (J Gosden) and Free At Last (G Harwood). The

most appealing of this English quarter is Bold Russian.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Windsor, Hamilton Park.

WEDNESDAY: York, Yarmouth, Font-

CARROLL House, who gave the Newmarket trainer Michael

Jarvis his biggest success when winning last year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has been retired.

The five-year-old has not

recovered well enough from

injuries sustained during last month's Grand Prix de Saint-

Cloud and will now take up stallion duties at his owner's

stud in Japan.

Carroll House won nearly £!

Going: firm (last 2f good to firm)

Draw: no advantage

Kid.

5.40 Macfarlane, 6.10 Twilight Fiesta, 6.40 Makeshift. 7.10 Evening Affair. 7.40 Dalby Dancer. 8.10 Unwanted Treasure.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 5.40 Dashing Prince. 6.10 Jonbel. 6.40 Makeshift. 7.10 Evening Affair. 7.40 La Visir. 8.10 Karim's

5.40 FAIRFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2.060:

Cauthen confirms retainer offer with Sheikh Mohammed

By A Special Correspondent

STEVE Cauthen yesterday conirmed that he has been offered the plum job of No ! European jockey to Sheikh Mohammed, arguably the world's buggest and most influential owner-breeder. Cauthen said that so far nothing has been formally signed, but he is unlikely to linger over a decision which could swell his already consid-

The American was assured his position with the Sheikh was safe earlier on this year when news emerged of the matrimonial rist between Henry and Julie Cecil.

erable personal fortune.

This latest development cer-tainly scotches the rumours circulating about Cauthen's possible retirement. Far from giving up riding, he is on the verge of an exciting new stage in his

However, less happy with the news will be such riders as Cash Asmussen. Walter Swinburn, Lanfranco Dettori and George Duffield, who regularly wear the

famous Mohammed maro and white colours.
Asmussen and Swinburn in particular, who principally ride for Andre Fabre and Michael Stoute respectively, must be pondering on their future with Cauthen having the choice of Sheikh Mohammed's horses.

In a further escalation of the jockeys' musical chairs, Khaled Abdulla, whose Sangiamore and Quest For Fame gave him, trainer Roger Charlton and Pat Eddery a French-English Derby double, is reportedly sending 20 yearlings, to Henry Cecil in preparation for the 1991 Flat

Any such move in the past would have precipitated a clash between Cauthen and Eddery, retained jockey for Abdulla.

With Cauthen retained by Hall Management, there will no longer be a stumbting block to Eddery's involvement with Abdulla's Cecil-trained runners.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Hastings - Dunstable

Hythe v Burnnam
Trowonage v Folkestone......
Witney v Margate
Yate v Baldock

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stone: Hereford v Swindon: Scunthorpe v Rotherham; Don-caster v Hudderstield; Lincoln v Leeds: Bradford v Grimsby; Fulham

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CHELMSFORD: Essex v Surrey

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancastine v

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire /

Gloucestershire TAUNTON: Somerset v Hampshire

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v

BOWLS

v Wimbledon.

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FOOTBALL

Tennents Charity Shield Liverpool v Manchester Utd (at GM Vauxhall Conference

Barrow v Kidderm Bath v Kettenng ... Chenennam v Gateshead Fisher Ath v Althricham Macciestield v Barnet Merthyr y Northwich Stough v Boston . .. Sutten Uta v Telford Welling v Statford R... Yeovil v Colcnester ...

Scottish League Centenary Scottish FA v Scottish League (at Hampden Park)

Vauxhall League Premier division

Avlesbury v Levton Wingate. Kingstonian v Redbridde

First division

Aveley v Lewes. Bromley v Wembley..... Chaitont St P v Heybridge..... Hitchin v Croydon Tooting and M v Worthing ..

Manor: Hungerford v Feitham: Maiden Vale v Bracknell, Petersheld Utd v Epsom

HFS Loans League Premier division

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De Nisky to be rewarded Hector Protector From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

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The mount on Lotus Pool goes to Pat Shanahan, who also

THURSDAY: York, Yarmouth, †Salisrides another Weld fancy The bury. FRIDAY: Newmarket, Goods Carelaker in the EBF Desmond Stakes. This is another group Devon & Exeter.
SATURDAY: Newmerket, Goodwood, Newcastle, †Windsor, Caranel, Heretord, Market Rasen. three race but the distance is only a mile and that should suit Fist meetings in bold

Carroll House Yesterday's results Flyan, Newmarket, Tota: \$14.80; \$3.10. retired to stud

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best for Morny From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville HECTOR Protector can beat off a strong British challenge to win Pharran face a demanding task

Deauville.

Heading the challenge and seeking to become the first British-trained winner of this

Gold.
Hector Protector, by the firstseason sire. Woodman, was all
out to win the group three Prix
de Cabourg over course and
werson, the Challenge D'Or distance a fortnight ago, holding Piaget, also for off the late challenge of Belle Deauville sales. Bleue by a neck.

However, that narrow winning margin may have been deceptive as he lost ground at the start and was completely unsuited by the slow early pace. One of those who could ensure a much faster pace here is Line Engaged, who made all the running to beat Timeless Times by five lengths at Windsor last month.

Steve Cauthen again has the unt, and the improving son of the American stallion Phone Trick makes most appeal of the four British raiders.

tomorrow's group one Prix in today's group two Prix de Morny Agence Française at Pomone in which the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud third Zartota (Thierry Jamet) will take a deal of beauing.
Roberts will be in action earlier on Kaheel in the Piaget

revent since My Swallow beat earlier on Kaheel in the Piaget Impertinent in 1970 are David D'Or. He seems to have a Elsworth's Line Engaged and Peter Easterby's Dominion that near £215,000 prize than eather Sail Past (S Perks), Faldo Piaget, also for graduates of the

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2.45 PRIX MORNY AGENCE FRANCASE:
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8-11 (F Head); 105 Fradman Pleasures F
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Leguesci, 213 The Perfect Life R Golat 88 (D Boeuf).

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Indian Queen (Tony Cruz) 4-1 Acteur Français, 8-1 Line 6-1 Divine Danse, 8-1 others. WOLVER HAMPETON 6.40 LEIGH ENVIRONMENTAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O; Selections By Mandarin

1 321 SPICA 19 (CD,F) R Charlton 9-10 Pat Eddery 8
2 4211 MANCESHIFT 15 (D,F) A Lee 9-4 J Charle 8
3 0004 GALACTIC SCHEME 14 (F) R Henrich 9-0 B Raymond (S) 2
4 0-83 J R JONES 14 (F,G) D Burchel 8-5 R Price (S) 2
5 0500 LAND (IF HOPE 19 (V) P Wassen 6-3 G Globler 3
6 4146 DODGER DRCKES 7 (D,BF,F) R Hollenshead 7-10 7 6505 MASTER PIERRE 10 L Holt 7-7 T Williams 6 8 0311 COLOUR SCHEME 28 (D) J Jenkins 7-7 D Holland (5) 1

7-2 Makeshift, S-2 Spice, S-1 Colour Scheme, 6-1 Dodger Dictors, 8-1 J R Jones, 10-1 Land Of Hope, 12-1 others, 7.10. J SAVILLE GORDON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,595: 1m 1f) (12)

3 0006 GUNBOAT 14 K Brassry 4-8-12 Pail Eddery 11
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6 0-88 PSHALL FLABER 14 D TO GUTCHE 3-6-0 R Proe (5) 6
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TRAINERS: R Boss, 10 winners from 39 unners, 25.0%; B Palling, 4 from 30, 13.3%; J Berry, 14 from 123, 11.4%; P T Welleyn, 7 from 64, 10.9%, (Only questions).

JOCKEVS: Pat Eddery, 28 winners from 98 rules, 28.6%; A Nums, 5 from 40, 15.0%; B Raymond, 9 from 75, 11.5%. (Only questions).

Course specialists

2-1 Macteriene, 7-2 Dashing Prince, 5-1 Hauneng Obeession, 6-1 Mediate D'Or, 8-1 Ar-Khagoola, 10-1 corers. 6.10 CONKWELL GRANGE STUD SELLING 7.40 SWISH PRODUCTS HANDICAP (\$2,975: 2m) 3-1 High Caste. 7-2 Detry Dencer. 4-1 Chuckestone, 5-1 Sawsen, 6-1 Sawsez Mot 8-1 White River, 10-1 La Visir, 8.10 BIKUSEN-WHITEFRIARS NURSERY HANDI-CAP (2-Y-O: £2,808: 5f) (8) AP (2-Y-O: £2,808: 51) (8)
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4 2154 KUMMEL KING 22 (B.D.C.) J Berry 8-9. PA Carloy 4
5 2010 KARIM'S KID 35 (D.C.) R Goss 8-8. PA Educary 5
6 4202 NORTH-ERIN (DST 10 (B.D.F.) R Sounds 6-7. E Guest 2
7 554 VAX FORDEDSS 72 J Sporting 8-2. P Fox 8
6 315 LADY OF THE FEN 12 (CD.F) Mrs N Measurey 8-0
0 9999 (8) 3 9 Siggs (5) 3 4-1 Unwanted Treesure, 5-2 Karlon's Kid, 5-1 Lody Of The Fen, Kummer King, 6-1 Northern Host, My Assie, 6-1 others.

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having been right in the firing

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10-4153 ASSATIS 21 (F.S) (S Herade) G Harwood 5-9-8 R Cochrene 62-3420 MOUNTAIN KINGDOM S8 (D.F.Q.S) (D Thompson) C British 6-9-5 S Cauther 133420 CHARMER 21 (F) (Downger Lady Beaverbrook) C British 5-9-2 L Dettori 012452 SESAME 32 (F.G.S) (CD)(SF) (C Spance) D Morley 5-8-13 W R Swinburn 3-1212 DEPLOY 48 (F.Q.) (K Abdula) R Charzon 3-8-5 Pat Eddery G 3-13 LITHAAD 28 (F) (Hamdan Al-Mektoum) W Hern 3-8-5 W Carson

Deploy is a doubtful runner unless there is evernight rain

BETTING: 10-11 Deploy, 11-4 Assets, 5-1 (bihasd, 7-1 Mountain Kingdom, 12-1 Charmer, 16-1 Sesame, 1989; IEN BEY 5-9-8 T Culmr (9-2) P Cole 6 ran

FORM FOCUS ASSATIS ran on well when a 1½ 3rd to Behmaz in the King George at Ascot (1m 41, good to firm); earlier beat ife De Niskly ¾ with CHARINER (tib better off) 11½ back in 4th to wan a Group if event over the same course and distance (good to firm); assist the King George at Ascot (1m 41, good to firm); assist the King George at Ascot (1m 41, good to firm); assist the same course and distance (good to firm) assist the course and distance (good to firm) assist the firm). DEPLOY, successful in minor events at Haydock (1m 21 3byd, firm) and Leicester (1m 41, prom) processor of the course either when a 4½ 2nd to Sassable in the first berby at The Currage (1m 21, good to firm) and to 11 to Ashal in the Ascot Good to firm) and the Ascot Good to firm) and to 11 to Ashal in the Ascot Good to firm) and to 11 to Ashal in the Ascot Good to firm) and the Ascot Good to firm) and the Ascot Good to firm) and the Ashal in the Ascot Good t

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403 (7) 22211 AUSBER MILL. 16 (D.F.) (T. Hoddordt) J Berry 8-8. T Custon 87
404 (2) 63 BORN TO FLY 37 (8F) (Arts B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 8-8. B Rayssond 78
405 (5) 39124 CARESS 14 (D.F.) (E Britonshaw) Mrs N Macauley 8-8. R Cochrane 90
405 (4) 4213 DOMINIO 33 (D.F.) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walvyn 8-8. R Cochrane 90
407 (1) 541 LINDFIELD BELLE 7 (D.F.) (Sonwardo Stud Co Limited) D Wilson 8-8 B Rouse 91
408 (8) SHARPTHORNE (K ADUAR) R Charlton 8-8. Pat Eddery —

BETTING: 13-8 Sharphorte, 9-2 it's AS Academic, 7-1 Caress, Almass, 8-1 Amber ME, 9-1 Lindfield Belle, 18-1 Dommo, 20-1 Born To Fly.

FORM FOCUS IT'S ALL ACADEMIC hampered close home when a 23 3rd (promoted to 2nd) to the dequalitied Jimmy Barrile at Group III Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (51, good to firmt) earlier had ALMASA (35) better off) 71 beck in 8th when a 2½ 12 beck in 5th LINDFELD BELLE amproved effort 2nd to On Tiptoes in Group III went at Ascot (51, firmt). ALMASA easily beet Dannemen by 51 in a minor event at Lingfield (61, firmt) ALMERR WILL made at to beet Wards's (64, firmt). MARER WILL made at to beet Wards's Dream by 51 at Lingfield (61, firmt) ALMERR WILL made at to beet Wards's Dream by 51 at Lingfield (61, firmt) ALMERR WILL made at to beet Wards's Dream by 51 at Lingfield (61, firmt) Almer at Lingfield (61, firmt)

4.0 EBF YATTENDON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £4,119: 7f) (21

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1989: MEDICOSMA 3-9-6 Pat Eddery (17-2) B Hills 15 ran

1969: GREEN'S SELLE 8-6 Pat Eddery (1-5 tav) W Jarvis 7 ran

1988 ROYAL ASSIGNMENT 3-8-5 D D'Arty (11-2) J Gosden 11 ran

Course specialists

In The Groove has been heavily | Ile De Chypre also came in for steady backed with Corals to win the group one | support yesterday and has been reduced | Juddmonte International Stakes at York | to 12-1 (from 16-1). Elmaamul remains on Tuesday and is now 6-1 (from 9-1). | the 7-2 favourite.

TRAINERS

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1989: POLAR BIRD 8-8 M Hitis (11-8 fav) B Hitis 9 ran

3.30 ST HUGH'S STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £10,770: 5f) (runners)

of the handicap.

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Conditions favour talented Deploy

Deploy can land the Walmac International Geoffrey Freer.
Stakes at Newbury this afternoon as part of his Si Leger

San Francisco (September 2012)

Although successful twice this term, at Haydock and Leicester, it was his threequarters of a length second to Salsabil in the Irish Derby at the Curragh which established him in the top rank of middledistance three-year-olds.

There was no element of fluke about that performance. Despite the presence in the line-up of stable-companion Quest For Fame, the Epsoin Derby winner, Deploy carried plenty of quiet confidence, and thoroughly vindicated her wrompens and thoroughly vindicated that belief. Rehind him were this week that Deploy would that belief. Rehind him were this week that Deploy would be folly fit on his first Belimez, the subsequent King be not be fully fit on his first appearance for some five weeks.

oppose, although Roger Charl- won a group race, Deploy is a fruitless trip to Cagnes, through injury. His return to ton, his trainer, said earlier not penalised here, unlike where he ran at trips beyond a full fitness has to be taken on

By Mandarin

2.30 Triteme.

Going: good to firm

2.00 Montpelier Lad.

3.00 Deploy. 3.30 It's All Academic... 4.00 Jahafil. 4.30 Pendos Dancer.



Hastings-Bass: chance

Even so, that chance must On form he is difficult to be worth taking. As he has not run over seven furlongs. After and has since been absent

Selections

By Michael Seely

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 DEPLOY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

Raccest number. Draw in brackets. Shefigure form (F.- fell. P.- pulled up. U.- unseated rider. B.- brought down. S.-alipped up. R.- refused. D.- clear, asifed). Horse's name. Days since lest custing: If jumps, F. J. fet. B.- binkers. V.- viscor. H.- bood. E.- Ejechield. C.- course and brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private handicapper's rating.

Draw: high numbers have slight advantage up to 1m straight

2.0 STRATTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: 25,845: 7f) (17 runners)

2.00 YOU KNOW THE BULES (nap). 3.00 Deploy.

By Our Newmarket

2.00 Shout Fore.

2.30 Arzanni.

3.00 Charmer.

3.30 — 4.00 Habaayib.

4.30 Sloe Berry.

Correspondent

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year, must carry 6lb extra. That is a hefty burden over this distance and in this company, and sways me against him despite his fine Ascot handicap over a mile,

third in the King George.

Clive Brittain saddles Mountain Kingdom and Charmer, and of the two I believe Mountain Kingdom may be the greater danger. He stays this trip well, has good muzzle with the Farr Handiform on fast ground and cap. Kawtuban put up a game Brittain, who is no stranger to display to win at Goodwood last time, prevailing in the upsetting more fancied horses, wasted no time in booking final strides against Aromatic. Steve Cauthen for the ride.

The meeting begins with a competitive race for the Stratthat win, and he may be worth ton Handicap, in which I favour the William Hastings-Bass-trained Montpelier Lad. Trireme. His sole win came on The son of Rainbow Quest Lingfield's all-weather track in has run only once, winning January, the only time he has impressively at Newmarker,

Assatis, who, as the winner of mile, and a subsequent four- trust, but Dick Hern has no a group one race in Italy last month break, he has shown peer at producing horses fit to signs of a return to his best. win first time, and Trireme's Newmarket success bore the Most recently, he was fifth, hallmark of quality. beaten only about 2½ lengths by Curtain Call in a good

At Ripon, the Tote Great St Wilfrid Handicap brings together some experienced sprinters in a trappy contest. Fascination Waltz will have his supporters on the strength of a good win at Newmarket last week, but I side with Cumbrian Waltzer after his third to Absolution at Hay-

He was running on strongly in the final furlong after losing his pitch early on, and over this extra furlong has a good opportunity to redeem his reputation.

entrust the nap to Himiko in the Studley Maiden Fillies' gora in the Virginia Water Stakes at Ascot was a highly promising effort and she has a gilt-edged chance to go one better here.

dock seven days ago.

At the same meeting, I

The son of Rainbow Quest Stakes. Her second to Dan-3.0 WALMAC INTERNATIONAL GEOFFREY FREER STAKES (Group BBC1

Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Another Barney. 2.45 Gordano. 3.15 Tara Boy. 3.45 Eleven Lights. 4.15 Stay On Tracks. 4.45 Frendly Fellow.

Going: good to firm (firm patches) 2.15 CONWY NOVICES HURDLE (21,360: 2m 4f) (6 1 34-1 ANOTHER BARNEY 12 (F) J Jankins 5-11-7 R Dunes 2 0/3- RANDOM BEVERAGE 365 W A Stephenson 6-11-0

8-11 Acceiver Barney, 4-1 Kirsheda, 11-2 Random Bever a, 7-1 True Fan, 8-1 Bodfarl, 20-1 Porridge Cass.

2.45 LIVERPOOL RACQUET CLUB NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (10)

4 SPP ENCHANTED GODDESS 7 M Castel 4-11-2 V Stettery (7)
5 202- LITTLE RED FLOWER 82 F Jorden 4-11-2 J Lodder (3)
6 000- MIRKS JEWEL 184 J Bradley 4-11-2 L Harrey
7 19-5 YOUGOTHT 14 (7) R O'Leary 4-11-2 D Byrne
8 32 GORDAND 5 (87) R Holory 3-10-5 N Mann (5)
9 REALX AGAIN 22* Mrs G Revelley 3-10-0 P Nevel
10 SOLOMONS GRIL 35F (8) J Jenkins 3-10-0

2-1 Yougotit, 7-2 Gordano, 4-1 Solomons Girl, 6-1 Relaz Agein, 10-1 Grand Party, 14-1 Sonoma Mission, 20-1 others. 3.15 MILLER'S KITCHEN NOVICES CHASE (£2,765: 2m 4f) (4)

1 /24- WAYWARD SINGER 148 (F,S) J Upson 7-11-2 WHAT A MOUNT R Lee 7-11-4 R Graene (7) 3 25-2 TARA BOY 15 R Francis 5-11-0 S J C'Neill 4 06-4 ROLAN STREAM 7 J Baciley 6-10-13 L Harvey 5-4 Tare Boy, 2-1 Weyward Singer, 3-1 Indian Stream, 10-1 What A Mount.

3.45 ROYAL WELCH FUSILIERS HANDICAP HUR-DLE (\$2,220: 2m 4f) (5)

1 P46- ELEVEN LIGHTS 7F (D,F) Mrs G Revoley \$-11-10 2 32-1 JUST BLAKE 14 (D.F.CI) J. Roberts 9-11-8 R Greene (7) 3 634- GRAYROSE DOUBLE 16 (CD.F) E Duen 7-11-0 4 66-3 TLARUM 7 (F.C.S) G Ham 8-10-8. Gary Lyone (3) 5 221- MBLITARY SALUTE 67 (F) R Brotherton 5-10-4

5-4 Eleven Lights, 11-4 Just Blake, 7-2 Military Sakta, 8-1 Tigrum, Grayrose Double. 4.15 DEE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,410: 2m 4f) (2)

1 213- STAY ON TRACKS 85 (D.F.G.S) W. A. Stephenson.
8-11-10C Great 2 11-1 FULL STRENGTH 9 (C.O.F.Q.S) G Richards 7-10-7 G McCount 4-7 Stay On Tracks, 5-4 Full Strength.

1.45 FRED ARCHER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,912: 2m) (8) 1 413- FRENDLY FELLOW 78 (B,CD,F,G) F Jorden 8-12-0 2 211- CAROGROVE 77 (F) J Bulcovets 7-11-4 W Bird (S) 3 11-4 PRESSURE GAME 14 (B,O,F) K Burke 7-11-0

7 0P4- GARDA'S GOLD 10F (V.D.S) R Dickin 7-10-0. It dones 8 060- OCCAMEST 77F (D.F) B Presco 5-10-0. A Jackse S.A. Pressure Care. 9-4 Pressure Game, 5-2 Carogrows. 5-1 Fleet Footed, 6-1 Hill Seagle, 8-1 Frendly Fellow, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Ham, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; J Jenkans, 9 from 31, 29.0%; J Mackes, 4 from 19, 21.1%; G Richards, 13 from 63, 20.6%; F Jordan, 6 from 34, 17.6%; R Lee, 5 from 30, 16.7%. JOCKEYS: C Grant, 11 winners from 23 rides, 47.8%; P Niven, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Lodder, 5 from 27, 18.5%; R Durihoody, 10 from 82, 12.2%; G McCourt, 4 from 35, 11.4%; Gery Lyons, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

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Selections

By Mandarin 2.15 Master Lamb. 2.45 Pinemartin. 3.15 Quassimi, 3.45 Palmas Pride. 4.15 Southend Scally-

Going: good (good to firm in places) 2.15 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HUR-DLE (£1,917: 2m) (5 runners)

1 1/1- MASTER LAMB 355 (CO.F.G.S) J J C'Noil 7-12-0 2 215- PALM HOUSE 115 (CO.EF.F.G.S) G Richards 5-11-11 N Doughty 3 114- MAGIC AT DAWN 2#F (CD,F) G Moore 5-11-7 M Dwyer 4 304- OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 36F (D,F) J Johnson 6-10-0 5 0007 DOODLH 28F (B) M Hammond 6-10-0....... S Turner

2-1 Magic At Dewn, 9-4 Master Lamb, 5-2 Paim House, 8-1 Olympic Challenger, 25-1 Doodlin. 2.45 BLACKSMITH ARE NOT NOVICES CHASE (£2,196: 2m) (3)

Evens Pinemertin, 7-4 Azusia, 3-1 Dual Venture, 3.15 CENTRAL LEASING CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,196: 2m) (3)

1 2P1- QUASSMI 84 (D.F) G Richards 6-11-10 H Doughty 2 331- STAN'S FOLLY 82 (F) S Payne 9-10-1... May J Therlow 3 22-3 STRAUGHT DOWN 14 (CD.F,G) Mrs P Barker 13-10-0

1-3 Quassimi, 7-2 Straight Down, 11-2 Stan's Folly.

DLE (£1,857: 2m) (6) 15-8 Pairies Pride, 5-2 Royal Mazi, 4-1 Go For Glory, 11-2 Mattenat Gold, 7-1 Afture, 12-1 Supreme Court, 4.15 BOYS FROM THE BLACKSMITH HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,718: 2m 41) (7) 1 330- MIGHTY GLOW 11F (D.F.) C Tinider 6-12-0 S Astains (7) 2 361- SOUTHEND SCALLYWAG 15F (CD.F.) G Moore 4-11-13 5 Switch (3)

3.45 CRAIGVINEAN JUVENILE NOVICES HUR-

3 543- IMPANY 82 (F,G,S) J J O'Nell 11-10-11

4 42-0 LIPWELL 14 R Johnson 6-10-2 K Johnson (2)
5 302/ MONTBERGS 905 L Codd 7-10-1 M Henris (7)
6 303- COPPEN MRKET 80 M Hemmond 7-10-0 S Lyons (7)
7 0/0- CALEDONIAN LAD 131 A Thomson 5-10-0 Nims B Thomson (7)

6-4 Southend Scallywag, 7-2 Copper Market, 5-1 Impany, 8-1 Mighty Glow, Upwell, 25-1 others. 4.30 GOOD, THE BAD AND THE BLACKSMITH CLAIMING CHASE (23,030: 3m) 1 1-11 BRINKWATER 4 (D.F.G.) J White 14-11-0 — WALKS OVER

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Burchell, 6 winners from 22 runners, 27.3%; G Moore, 16 from 86, 24.2%; W A Supnenson, 25 from 106, 24.1%; J O'Nell, 7 from 34, 20.6%; G Richards, 31 from 167, 18.6%; J Charlton, 4 from 24, 15.7%. JOCKEYS: D J Burchell, 6 winners from 19 rides, 31,6%; M Dwyer, 14 from 53, 26,4%; Mr K Johnson, 4 from 21, 19,0%; N Doughty, 12 from 65, 18,5%; C Heaviers, 8 from 51, 15,7%. (Only qualifiers).

(Not including yesterday's results)



Selections By Mandarin

5.40 Drumstick. 6.10 Keep Straight. 6.40 Change The Name. 7.10 Sheilas Hillcrest. 7.40 Fiesta Dance. 8.10 Hot Performer.

Going: firm 5.40 SLEAFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVI-CES HURDLE (£1,562: 2m) (6 runners)

1 RRP- TADBR TF M Chapman 5-11-0 F Murtagh (5)
2 42-U DRUBSTICK 7 K Basiey 4-10-11 I Lamence
3 305- TYTCHURCH 181 J Joseph 4-10-11 D Skyrme
4 24-2 SEA ARROW 14 J Light 5-10-9 Gary Lyons
6 HERMEE 245 P Blockley 4-10-8 P Midgley (3)
8 White Jasman 15F C Thornson 4-10-5 J Calaghen
13-8 White Jasman 9-4 Drumstick, 7-2 See Arrow, 8-1 hy-church, 12-1 Heemee, 20-1 Tadbir.

Grantham Novices Chase (£1,937: 2m)

1 -321 FAMOUS RUM 9 (F) B Richmond 10-12-1... T Grantham 2 3-12 GAN ON LAD 8 (C.D.F) K Morgan 9-12-1 A S Smith (7) 3 P3-P CONNAUGHT CLEANERS 15 (F) K Wingrove 10-11-8

9-4 Keep Straight, 3-1 Gan On Lad, 4-1 Famous Run, 5-1 Murhel, 12-1 Consuaght Cleaners, 14-1 Others.

6.40 RAY EDMONDS SNOOKER CENTRE HANDI-CAP HURDLE (£1,812: 3m) (4)

1 406/ PETER MARTIN 24F (V,D,F,G,S) Miss G Roes 9-12-0 W Wordington 2 221- CHANGE THE NAME 96 (B,CD,G,S) P Blookley 7-11-7 Kellett

7.10 STAMFORD SELLING HURDLE (£1,590: 2m) 9 P-OF PEARL WHITE 4 K Ryan 10-5 ______ P Middley (7) 10 TOW-STAR'S LADY SF J Norton 10-5 _____ S Woods Evens Shelias Hillcrest, 4-1 Ajalita, 8-1 Prix Du Nord, 10-1 Needwood Imp, Runcible Cat, 12-1 others. 7.40 LINCOLN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,244: 2m 5f) 1 2-22 KARNATAK 9 (BF,F) K Bridgwater 9-12-0 4 12-2 FLESTA DANCE 8 (C.F.) J. Leigh 7-10-10 Gary Lyons (3) 5 P-42 OSINS CASTLE 4 (C.S.) K Ryon 11-10-10... S.J. O'Nell 6 24-3 EASTERN PLAYER 14 (C.F.C.S.) Miss G Ress 7-10-0 W Wordhouster

Now, 8-1 Eastern Ptgyer, 10-1 Otsins Castle. 8.10 BOSTON JUVENILE NOVICES - HURDLE (£1,646: 2m) (7)

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C Thornton, 9 wirners from 23 namers, 38.1%; B Morgan, 4 from 12, 33.3%; M Ryan, 5 from 16, 31.3%; N Tinider, 13 from 54, 24.1%; Mrs G Reveley, 8 from 45, 17.8%; R Chempion, 4 from 35, 11.4%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 19 wirners from 57 rides, 33.3%; J Ryan, 3 from 11, 27.3%; S Smith Eccas, 8 from 32, 25.0%; A Webb. 6 from 27, 22.2%; D Byrne, 9 from 45, 20.0%; Gary Lyons, 4 from 29, 13.6%.

6.15 RACEPHONE 100-100 HANDICAP (£3,492: 6f)

2 31 PERPICINAN 69 (CD,F) G Harwood 3-9-9 R Cocardina 3 3 3404 LETSBEONESTABOUTT 15 (B,D,F) Mrs N Macsaley 4-9-7 N Adams 2

6 1555 TAUDEN D (1999 1999)
7 1402 CRONK'S COURAGE 8 (B.D.F.S) G Lows 4-8-4 M Vilgham 5
M Vilgham 7 Octor 4-8-4 M T Octor 1

1 4021 HARD TO FIGURE 42 (D,F,Q) R Hodges 4-10-0

CANGERED PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 5.15 Royal Acclaim. 5.45 Juro Visa. 6.15 Letsbe-

onestaboutit. 6.45 Milligan. 7.15 Petite Rosanna. 7.45 Fairy Fortune. 8.15 Yamrah. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 5.15 Royal Acclaim. 5.45 Juro Visa. 6.15 Tauber. 6.45 MILLIGAN (nap). 7.15 Hafhafah. 7.45 Dame D'Amour. 8.15 Top Of The Bill.

Going: firm Draw: 61-71, high numbers best 5.15 MARSH GREEN APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,364: 7f) (11 runners) 1 0002 HILLS OF HOY 42 (8F) I Belding 4-10-0 G McGrafe (5) 5 2 000 LOUKARA GOLD 81 R Abelium 3-9-6..... L Carter (5) 6 3 0-00 RED RIVER BOY 19 (D.F.G.S) R Hodges 7-9-5

4 0514 GOTT'S DESPIE 16 (D,F) R Bestiman 4-9-5
5 0310 MASSELLA 33 (BF,Q) J Hills 3-9-4. D Dumaschie 8
6 -040 WRIZATUM 7 (CD,F,Q) Mrs N Macsuley 5-9-1. S
7 0023 ROYAL ACCLAIM 16 (V,D,F) A Rice 5-8-11. K Restur 11
8 5342 HURIALONG 38 EAP Artistr 3-7-13. If McClonnel 10
- 000 BRANKOLNO 38 ESP Artistr 3-7-13. Cleare Scalding 4
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11 3454 RESEL RAISER 10 (D,F) M Ryan 6-7-12. S Potter (S) 1
13 3454 RESEL RAISER 10 (D,F) M Ryan 6-7-12. S Potter (S) 1
5-2 (Groff's Desires 3-1) Hills (D) How. All Jouleus Gold 5-2 Gord's Dealtre, 3-1 Hillis Of Hoy, 4-1 Louisers Gold, 5-1 Royal Accism, 6-1 Masella, 8-1 Humalong, 70-1 others. 5.45 HONEYWOOD SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O:

02 COR 'A' GHARL 35 R Smyth 8-5 PLYING DEER K Brassay 8-8 OF ALLIME 17 W Musson 8-6 SESS JURO VISA S PUMPING 8-6 OF MERRYHILL MAID 16 J Herris 8-6 OF POLL TAX PARTY 21 J Berry 8-6 2-1 Flying Deer, 3-1 Merryfill Maid, 9-2 Juro Vise, 6-1 Flying Crooked, 8-1 Poli Tax Perty, 10-1 others.

Course specialists TRAINERS: N Calleghan, 14 wirners from 48 runners, 29.2%; G Harvood, 35 from 124, 28.2%; M Prescott, 10 from 38, 27 8%; D Murray Smith, 11 from 57, 19.3%; J Scargil, 5 from 25, 19.2%, B Hills, 13 from 68, 19.1%.

JOCKEYS: K Rutter, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; L Dettori, 22 from 69, 31.9%, S Cauther, 51 from 184, 27.7%, S O'Gorman, 11 from 56, 19.5%; G Dutheld, 17 from 106, 16.0%; T Quant, 34 from 232, 14.7%.

7-2 Perpignan, 4-1 La Chiquita, 5-1 Pletinum Disc 3-1 Cronic's Courage, Hard To Figure, 8-1 others. 3.45 TWENTY-ONE TODAY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,448: 1m 1f) (5) 1 4022 MELUGAN 9 (D.BF.F.G) M Prescott 5-9-7... G Detfield 2 00-0 FOLLOW THE SEA 19 R Akehurst 4-8-8....... T Gento 3 0004 MERSEYSIDE MAN 11 (V.F) J Scargil 4-8-8 4 1430 WIZZARD MAGIC Z (V.C.F) M Haynes 7-8-4 P D'Accy 4 5 0/2 CELTIC CHIMES 28 (V) A Dencon 6-7-13.... N Adelma 5 6-4 Milliogan, 9-4 Follow The Sea, 7-2 Marseynide Man, -1 Wizzard Magic, 12-1 Cettic Chimes. '.15 SPORTSCENE HANDICAP (£3,127: 1m 2f) (7) 1 5-1 RUSCINO 25 (D.F.) G Herwood 3-10-2 R Cockrane 3 1081 PETITÉ ROSAHBIA 9 (D.F.G) W Caraer 4-8-11 3 -331 TELETRADER 11 (D.F) R Hodges 9-8-10 ... J Williams 7 4 2053 HAPITAFAN 25 (F) H Thomson Jones 3-8-10 ... R Nils 5 5 3060 AFRICAN CHRISS 60 P Cole 3-8-6 T Outer 8 6 3205 SECRET FOUR 9 (B.G) R Abrurd 4-6-3 . 7-4 Ruscino, 7-2 African Chimes, 9-2 Teletrader, 6-1 Petite Isanna, 8-1 Secret Four. 12-1 Hafhatan, 16-1 Rasheed. 7,45 KENT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,318: 7f) (6)

6-4 Fairy Fortune, 5-2 Vision Of India, 7-2 Yarra Gian, 6-1 Dame D'Amour, 12-1 Tilitany Diamond, 16-1 Thomzee. 8.15 ANZANI HANDICAP (£2,984: 1m 3f 106yd) (3)

5-4 Lothian, 7-4 Top Of The Bill, 9-4 Yamrah.

Crack taken out of Ebor

CRACK, joint-favourite with hid, Michael Roberts rejects. The gamble on Further Flight Tote-Ebor, has been withdrawn from the race. The Luca Cumani-trained colt was not among yesterday's 28 five-day acceptors for the York stamina

among yesterday's 28 five-day acceptors for the York stamina test.

A spokeswoman for the Newmarket trainer said yesterday:
"The horse is fit and ready to run but Mr Cumani has alternative races in mind."

Frankie Detlori, who would have ridden Crack, switches to Reg Akchurst's Barrish while Willie Carson is standing by to ride whichever of Alec Stewart's Ebor pair, Star Lord and Nas-Corais.

RACELINE RESULTS 0898-168-168 continued yesterday with Barry Hills's four-year-old now the 6-1 favourite (from 10-1) with Indiana Course Colored 0898 168+ RIPON LEACHELD PARK WODVERHAMPTON PERTH BANGAR MARKET RASES 105 106 214 119 120 215 117 118 216 TECHUSIVE RECORDED COMMENTARIES NEWBURY RIPON LINGFIELD PARK WILLIAM HILL, LEEDS LS1 8LB



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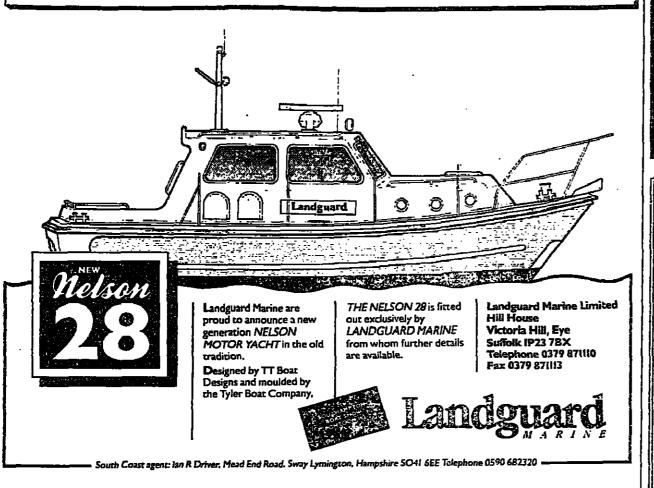
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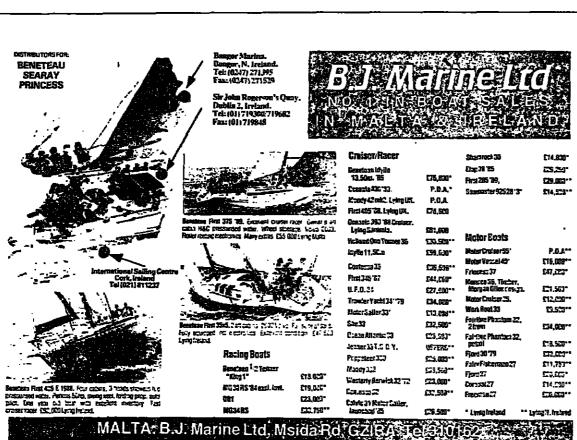
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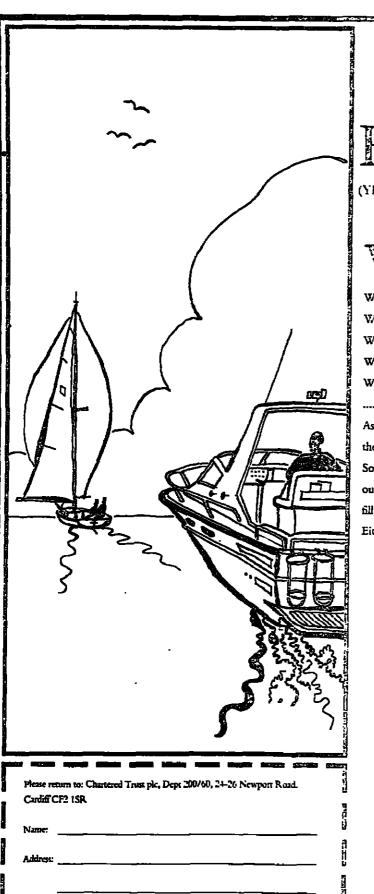
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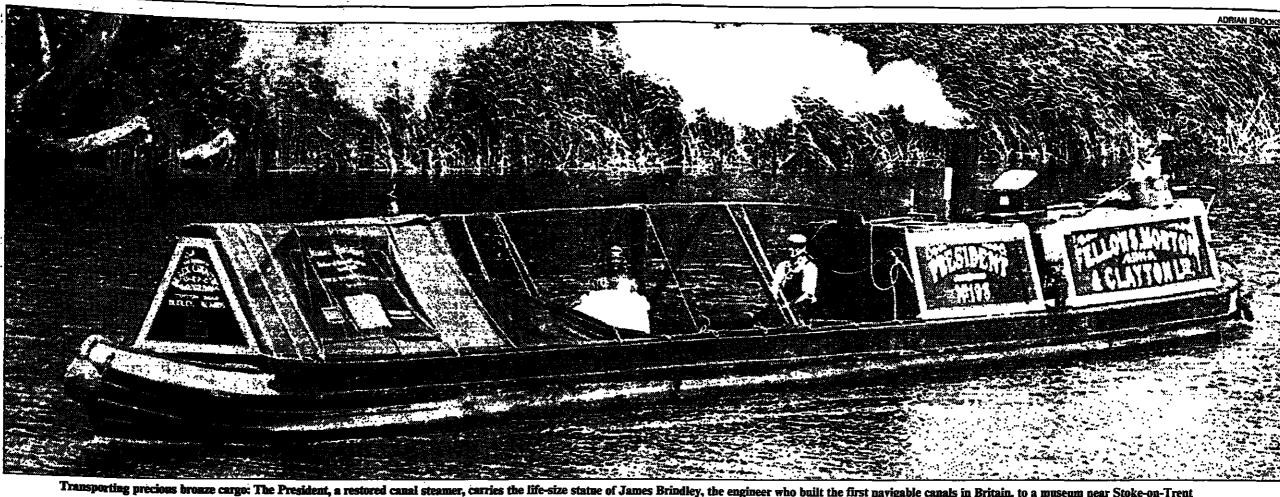
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Unlocking treasures along forgotten banks

hoo-ha surrounding the official reopening of the Kennet and Avon Canal as out of place. In an age that can afford to enjoy leisure, Britain's inland waterways have an important role. Last year more people used the canals than visited National Trust properties, yet the change from being a forgotten relic of industrial infrastructure to becoming a significant part of the nation's recre-

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It was only in 1978, for instance, that the public were given free access to towpaths. Previously a permit to walk them was officially needed. In rural areas access was easy and permits were disregarded, but in built-up areas, such as London and Birmingham, ca-nals were often hidden behind high walls, with gates barring

ational fabric is comparatively

access to the townsths.

Taking a narrowboat through Birmingham in the mid-1970s. I had to scale Pentonville-like walls to leave the canal bank and buy fish and chips for a starving and things were dumped there.

Many canals in England and Wales are being rescued from a muddy future

The public were not interested and the authorities had almost no funds to improve matters. Every year the network deteriorated further. But things have changed. Today the traffic on the inland waterways of England and Wales consists of 25,000 cruising boats of many shapes and sizes in addition to the tra-ditional narrowboat, giving pleasure to more than 500,000

In 1989 the number of canal boat licence holders rose by 6 per cent. It had been realised that the 2,000 miles of canals were a valuable inheritance. Without maintenance, whether by volunteers or the paid professionals of the British Waterways Board, an irreplaceable resource would muddy ditches.

restoring the 87 mile Kennet and Avon, linking London and Bristol by water again, is £4 million. However, much of restoration to teach skills.

élite of narrowboats".

local waterways in Cheshire.

Liverpool to just south of

Birmingham. His work pattern varies

from week to week, as does time off.

The Longleys have a villa in Spain,

but their canal boat, moored within a

few minutes' drive of home, provides

instantly available peace and relax-

ation, even if they do not move from

their moorings.

After relitting various parts of the

interior of boat number three, they

decided the answer was to have a

narrowboat built to their own layout

and specification. They spent a year looking at boats and boatbuilders

before placing their order. Because of

the boom in steel narrow boat build-

ing, they had to wait a similar period

for delivery. During this time, they had a chance to sell their existing boat

and Mr Longley said they "suffered severe withdrawal symptoms" as a

They decided to have a boat built at

Norton Canes Dock on the Birm-

ingham Canal Navigations near Wal-

sall, a yard in which wooden coal boats

were once built. Norton Canes Boat-

builders made the steel shell and

Britain's inland waterways largely date from 1757 to the 1830s, the so-called Canal Age, which, along with other factors such as advances in manufacturing, agriculture and the technology of iron and steam, brought about the

waterways were its arteries, at their peak comprising about 4,250 miles of navigable rivers and canals carrying 30 million tons of goods a year.
The most significant early canal, still in regular and much enjoyed use, was the Bridgewater, cut in 1761 to reduce the cost of carrying coal from the Duke of Bridge The news of cheap coal

Industrial Revolution. The

ed, and the rush to build canals began. The Railway Age that followed eclipsed the canals; the Great Western Railway bought the Kennet and Avon and deliberately hastened its decline to stifle competition in goods traffic.

might have been wise to avoid the work has been done by Horses pulled canal boats canal enthus the average urban canal alumpaid volunteers. Organ until the age of the diesel know they together. Dead cats, old prams isations such as YTS, for engine; by the 1920s high ground. and all manner of unspeakable example, have used lock motorised boats were causing bank erosion. After 1945 large

parts of the neglected and now largely nationalised canal network were abandoned.

Today the waterways board has a new slogan for promoting the canals: "The fastest way of slowing down." Anyone who has sampled a canal jaunt will concur. The combination of a boat that can manage little more than walking pace, an enclosed world where cars are glimpsed only rarely over hedgetops, and bankside flora and fauna that demand attention is an irresistible invitation to enter a world most people have left behind - if they ever knew it.

After years in the doldrums the canals are finding a new audience. The next important restoration project, to be unveiled in a few months, is the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal, 13 miles of waterway through the unchanged Somerset wet-

In the North of England, the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, linking Yorkshire with Lancashire across the Pennines via dozens of locks, is undergoing restoration. It is both a work of art and a labour of love. When it is complete, the Horses pulled canal boats canal enthusiasts will finally know they have seized the

KEITH WHEATLEY



CRUISING WEST FOR THE GREAT CANAL JAMBOREE

canal barges and the latest cruisers down

to the canoe, including that of "Zippy"

from Leicester to regain the trophy.

MANY canal buffs have been travelling the waterways for a month to attend next week's annual bank holiday jamboree. the 40th National Waterways Festival at Gloucester (Barry Pickthall writes).

More than 600 craft are expected to be there. Some will have come from as far as Yorkshire, Lancashire and London, covering as much as 300 miles of waterway, and the festival is expected to attract 50,000 more visitors.

Sponsored by Volvo Penta, this year's festival spreads out from Gloucester's

The festival includes a boat show, historic and restored docks complex. which has attracted more than 200 where ships once fed the commercial inland waterways, to the banks of the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and exhibitors. One of them is the British Marine Industries Federation, which will into the River Severn.

The vessels range from traditional give visitors a taste of canal and river cruising through its "Get Afloat - Get a

Boat" promotion. • The festival is open to the public, Ashmore, now in his seventies, who is a August 25-27, 10am-5pm. Tickets £2.50, regular winner of the long-distance child and senior citizens £1. There is a 20 award. This year he has paddled a per cent discount for entry to the National circuitous route across the Midlands Waterways Museum in Gloucester

The Longleys' pleasure of 11 years on the waterways has increased with their custom-built craft

Angling Taking a slow boat everywhere for legal trouble



THE decision by the Court of Appeal that the Right of Way Act applies to rivers and waterways as well as to footpaths has brought a knee-jerk reaction from anglers and conservationists (Harry Arnold writes).

The thought of opening up the inland waterways to everyone has filled them with alarm and they are considering a further appeal.

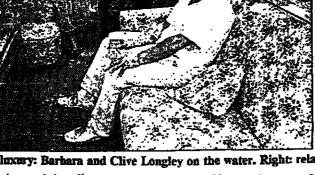
The decision centred on

navigation rights on the River Derwent in Yorkshire. The Inland Waterways Associ-ation, one of our longestestablished bodies of conservationists, champions the efforts by the Derwent Trust and Malton town council to gain access to all stretches of the river. The association is in an

interesting position. On the one hand, it protects wildlife; on the other, it has fought for the retention, restoration and enjoyment by all of Britain's navigable rivers and canals.

The association has initiated and backed many restoration schemes, reopening more than 300 miles of waterways. Many of these are artificial canals that would have been filled in and obliterated. Their loss would have affected not only boating but also angling, walking and wildlife.





Length: 52ft

Floating luxury: Barbara and Clive Longley on the water. Right: relaxation on the Shropshire Union

installed the engine, and the adjacent Elmwood Boatfitters fitted out the interior. The Longleys' choice was based on quality and price - it costs about £1,000 a foot for a boat of this finish. Mr and Mrs Longley were also attracted by the "straight-talking, down-to-earth and friendly style" of the companies involved.

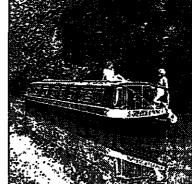
The boatbuilder designed the Kookaburra on traditional lines and some items of equipment were installed on its recommendation, but the rest is the Longleys' choice. Arguments about boat design have been known to cause severe matrimonial disruption, but their answer was simple: Mr Longley was responsible for everything connected with the exterior, Mrs Longley the interior.

The agreement worked well; Kookaburra is a head-turner, resplendent with the colourful signwriting and roses and castles paintwork that complements its traditional lines. Its length (less than 60ft) means the Longleys will be able to cruise most of a large settee that can convert to a the connected canal and river network. including the wide, short locks of the Leeds and Liverpool canals.

The boat has an elaborate two-berth layout with a large, fixed double bed in a bedroom next to a bathroom with bath, shower, hand-basin and flush toilet. The main saloon is linked to the galley on an open-plan layout and has

KOOKABURRA DETAILS

Beam: 6ft 10ins Draught: 2ft 1in Construction: steel Engine: Thornycroft 1.8 38hp liesel, with hydraulic transmission Speed: canals 4mph, rivers 8mph Price: £55,000 plus VAT **Builders: Norton Canes** Boatbuilders and Elmwood Boatfitters Lime Lane, Peisall, Walsall, West Midlands WS3 5AP (0543 374888 and 371377).



double bed. In narrowboats, house-

hold equipment is used wherever

possible and the galley has a full-size,

It is fitted out in natural timbers.

with ash and mahogany trim

predominating. Kookaburra has dual

electrics, with a 12v and a mains

system, the latter powered by a gas-

fired generator. There is also a solid-

fuel stove and full, gas-fired central heating, so cruising is definitely all-

weather. At the stern is a replica

working boatsman's cabin, which

serves as a bedroom for the grand-

Why Kookaburra? No real reason.

The Longleys like the name and have

not seen it on another canal boat.

Apart from the peace and quiet, the

couple say the the thing they most

enjoy about waterways is the people:

the many new friends they have made

and the general good companionship of canal folk.

children when they come boating.

split-level cooker and microwave.

whistle tooting, barefoot

towpath.

The Shropshire Union is among the most popular of the main canals in the holiday business. Being within about an hour's drive of the West Midlands and Manchester, yet so unspoilt, is its biggest draw.

At its northern tip the canal passes through Chester, always worth a stop, before meeting the Mersey estuary at Ellesmere Port. South of this stretch, one is in the lush rolling farmland of Cheshire.

Villages of black and white half-timbered houses look content and prosperous as they have done for centuries. Christleton and Bunbury are enjoyable examples. Nantwich is an almost perfect medieval market town, a d "'s cruise south of Chester.

For those who want a out in surroundings a little grander than the superb pubs of the River Dee. that line the canal, Nantwich len branch leaves the Shrop- make life trying.

PERHAPS it is the echoes of shire Union, heading west into A.E. Housman's The Shropshire Lad, but no other "cut"
the uplands of Wales. Who
can resist the sheer irrationalin Britain's skein of waterways ity of taking a canal boat into quite matches the Shropshire the mountains? For children, Union Canal for pastoral ro-mance, (Keith Wheatley thrill comes at the soaring writes). Nowhere else does one Chirk aqueduct. Opened in have the same feeling that a 1801, this splendid stone working narrowboat might be structure carries the canal in a just around the next bend, cast-iron trough from England into Wales, Nearly 100ft bechildren running along the low, the River Ceiriog winds through its valley. Aboard the boat the passengers feel as if they are flying. When a train comes across the adjoining railway viaduct, slightly above the crews' heads, the bizarre

A high time in

the uplands

Branch off the Shropshire Union Canal

and the journey can become surreal

becomes almost surreal. Cut into the sides of hills and mountains, the Llangollen can be exceptionally narrow. As when driving in country lanes, one is often obliged to back up for others 10 pass.

Grand drama unfolds with the Pontcysyllte aqueduct, one of Telford's masterpieces. which soars in an iron channel on tall, stone piers high above the valley of the Dee.

Arriving at the town of Liangoilen, the canal hugs the mountainside above the rooftops, where one can look down into the streets and then into the steep wooded valley

Understandably, this is one is the place: the restaurants are of the most popular canals in numerous and good. But the the country, and it may be biggest temptation for the wiser to tackle it out of peak canal enthusiast comes just season, when shallow water outside the town. The Llangol- and continual passing can

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seasonal food prices in July

was the biggest drop for five

years. A 27.5 per cent drop in

the price of raw potatoes was a

significant factor. Prices for

alcoholic drinks were higher,

motoring costs. But sub-

sequent increases of up to 20p

per gallon for four-star petrol

will boost the RPI by 0.3

percentage points. Price rises

are also anticipated for sugar,

biscuits and some other non-

seasonal foods, as well as for

beer and postal charges.

The strength of the pound,

which yesterday climbed to its

highest in eight and half years

against the dollar, should help

keep the prices of imported

goods down. Sterling contin-

ued to rise against both the

mark and the dollar, sending

the Bank of England's sterling

The continued weakness of

the dollar dominated currency

markets, despite the surprise

fall in the Anerican trade

After edging down further in overnight Far East trading,

the dollar continued to slide

against other leading cur-

rencies. It moved nearer 1.55

marks and sterling rose to

The trade deficit for June

tumbled to \$5.07 billion, down \$2.7 billion from the

revised May figure and was'

the lowest since June 1983.

The low figure, which was not

expected by forecasters, re-

flected trade before recent

increases in the price of oil.

fronically, net oil imports fell

15 per cent to \$3.69 billion

between May and June, alone

narrowing the trade gap by

Exports also rose by 4.6 per

cent between the two months

to a record \$34.3 billion.

indicating some sectors of

output are stronger than other

recent American economic

The American currency's

weakness has been spurred by

signs of a move into mild

inflation. Further easing of

monetary policy has been ex-

pected at a time when infla-

tionary pressures brought by

higher oil prices are expected,

eventually, to lead to rises in

interest rates in the stronger

economies of West Germany

The latest rise in American

consumer price inflation,

accompanied by upward re-

visions of recent money sup-

ply figures and the rise in oil

prices have led to confusion

over whether the Fed will

reverse its stance at Tuesday's

and Japan.

data have suggested.

\$630 million.

\$1.9155, up 1.6 cents.

deficit for June.

index up 0.3 points to 95.3.

push oil price to \$26.75

OIL prices moved closer to \$27 a barrel yesterday as tensions mounted in the Middle East, and hopes were dashed of an early meeting of Opec members to sanction production quota increases INFLATION held steady nity charge, showed annual inflation had to climb to 10 (Martin Barrow writes).

In London, October Bren rose \$1 30 a barrel to \$26.75. the largest one-day gain this week, to register a \$2 advance over two days with supply pound another good day fears gaining strength in late on the foreign exchange trading. Volumes remained markets.

In the absence of a major development in the Gulf. prices were being supported by Opec's inability to gain a consensus on the need to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the tensions and the possibility of awarding new production quotas.

Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, who have substantial surplus capacity, are pressing for a meeting to rubber-stamp increases and to co-ordinate new quotas for other cartel

The Saudis have capacity for an additional 2 million barrels a day, while Venezuela could increase daily output by 700,000 barrels. Iraq and Kuwait together accounted for more than 4 million barrels. lraq yesterday accused Saudi Arabia of causing oil shortages by preventing its tankers from loading at the Iraqi pipeline at the Red Sea

port of Yanbu The 89.188-deadweight tonne Iraqi-flag Al Fao arrived off Yanbu early on Thursday, but was refused entry to the terminal at the end of the

It is the second tanker to be turned away since the United Nations imposed a pan on oil exports from Iraq. On Monday, the 155,211-deadweight Iraqı tanker Alqadisiyah was refused entry and has been waiting offshore.

Shipping sources in Saudi Arabia said there were now four tankers waiting off Yanbu in London, energy analysis believe oil prices could rise to \$30 a barrel next week as the prospect of an open conflict moves closer.

Chris Perry, an analyst with Girozentrale Gilbert Eliott. said: "Iraq's agreement with fran means it is not going to step down Bush has got to do something before US voters begin to lose interest. The panic is beginning to push oil prices higher."

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Tensions Sterling boost as inflation stays at 9.8%

By Graham Searjeant and Colin Narbrough

at 9.8 per cent last month, surprising the City, bringing relief for the government and allowing the

A jump to 10 per cent had been expected, but a fall in seasonal food prices and summer sales of clothes and household goods, limited the rise in the retail price index to 0.1 per cent in July, the smallest monthly increase for a year. This took the RPI to

But the underlying picture remains worrying, as the impact of higher oil prices following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait will only appear in the RPI data for this month. The government's current favourite measure for core inflation. which excludes mortgage interest payments and commu-

inflation rising to 7 per cent per cent, or above this month. from 6.9 per cent.

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, estimates that core inflation is still rising at about 0.5 per cent a month, roughly where it has been since mid-1989. His concern is that Britain, having failed to as were some housing and achieve improvement in the underlying picture, is now

"The figures suggest that inflationary pressures are as intense as ever," Mr Skeoch said, adding that this meant little scope for early interest rates cuts. Glenn Davies, chief econo-

mist at Credit Lyonnais

Securities, cautioned against

faced with rising oil prices.

reading too much into the July He said that with seasonal food prices likely to bounce back, summer sales coming to an end and beer and oil price rises in the pipeline, annual

Worries in American markets hit London

By JOHN DURIE AND MATTHEW BOND

AMERICAN financial markets were thrown into turmoil vesterday amid signs that the American economy is heading for a recession and because of the growing tension in the

Shortly before noon in Wall Street yesterday, the New York Stock Exchange imposed controls on program trading as the Dow Jones industrial average slumped. By midafternoon the Dow was down 60.65 points at 2,620.79. London equities opened

lower in the wake of Wall Street's fall and carried on falling all day. The FT-SE 100 index closed 45.2 down at 2.176.9 and the FT-30 fell 46 points to 1,678.9. UK inflation figures, which

showed that the retail price index had risen by 9.8 per cent in the year to July, were ignored as dealers rushed to cover exposed positions before the weekend. in New York, the dollar

touched new lows against the mark at DM1.54 and posted slight gains against the yen. Oil futures were sharply higher, with the West Texas intermediate up \$1.03 to \$28.39 a barrel.

American markets ignored good trade figures released earlier in the day showing a 34.7 per cept fall in the American trade deficit to \$5.07 billion in June.

But following a 2.6 per cent fall in new housing starts in July to their lowest levels since 1982 recession, and a higher

than expected increase in consumer prices of 0.6 per cent in the month excluding food and energy prices, Wall Street is now very worried about the economy.

The Federal Reserve Board meets on Tuesday to consider interest rate cuts but in light of the inflation figures and the trade deficit Wall Street is not expecting any immediate cuts.

In London, selling pressure was described as heavy but there did not appear to be any panic selling. More than 500 million shares changed hands. Bill Smith, equity strategist at BZW, said: "Any optimistic view that people had at the beginning of the week has now evaporated."

As has become the pattern over the past fortnight, both oil stocks and gold shares benefited from the market's concern. BP rose 8p to 376p. recession and the Federal LASMO rose 12p to 467p and Reserve Board's switch in Shell added 7p to 492p.

With Wall Street now setting the mood for world stock markets, shares with large American followings, or with substantial dollar earnings, were hard hit. Reuters Holdings, which fell 80p on Thursday, fell another 51p yesterday to 878p. WPP, the advertising agency which owns J Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather, tumbled 61p to 483p. Glaxo fell 30p to 728p.

in Frankfurt, the DAX index of the leading 30 companies, fell 61.54 points, or 3.6 per cent, to 1665.88, its lowest

TT wins battle for Crystalate



The winner is: Nicholas Shipp, TT joint chief, savouring victory yesterday

By MARTIN BARROW

THE marathon takeover battle for Crystalate Holdings, the electronic components concern, has ended in victory for TT Group, the industrial holding company.

Five-and-a-half months after launching a hostile bid worth £34.4 million, TT yesterday declared the offer unconditional, claiming to speak for 56.06 per cent of its target, including acceptances in respect of 20.39 per cent of the ordinary shares.

Our priority now is to return the company to profit," said Nicholas Shipp, joint chief executive of TT.

Crystalate suffered a loss of £900,000 at the interim stage and in the previous financial year profits slipped from from £5.7 million to £2.9 million.

Mr Shipp said: "Three years ago Crystalate was carning profits of £7.14 million, yet turnover has not declin The company says margins are improving but we shall

have to see." Despite the lengthy takeover contest. TT Group has claimed victory without actually increasing the value of its original offer, even though the Crystalate board recommended a rival bid from Vishay Intertechnology of America.

On March 30, TT's allpaper offer of seven shares for every ten Crystalate shares was rejected by the Crystalate board, which is headed by Lord Jenkin of Roding. A partial cash alternative was introduced in May when Vishay announced that it was preparing to launch a rival offer. Last month TT tabled a full cash alternative of 851/2D a

TT refused to improve its terms even though Vishay made a cash offer of 90p a share that was endorsed by the Crystalate board.

However, Vishay's hopes were effectively dashed when its bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The American company made a final, unsuccessful attempt to thwart TT by pledging to offer 931/2p if it received commission

PowerGen Dukeminster buy-back plan team to begin bid

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE PowerGen management next week will signal the start the company with a formal letter to John Wakeham, the energy secretary, stating its intention to put together a

buy-out plan for the company. Hanson, which has expressed an interest in buying PowerGen, yesterday sailed past its initial informal deadline without tabling a bid. The government is now insisting on a firm offer by the end of next week at the latest. A decision on whether to go for a trade auction or a stock market float, the original plan before Hanson entered the scene, will be taken some time

Schroders, the merchant bank handling the sale, has not yet decided the exact form of any subsequent auction. There is a possibility Hanson will in effect be allowed three separate bids for PowerGen. A first "underwriting" offer for the company would be followed by a second offer as part of an auction. But the potential bidders might then be allowed to amend their offers to take account of what

the week after.

their rivals say they will pay. This arrangement would ensure that the highest possible price is paid for the electricity generator. But it might also oring further accusations that the government is favouring Hanson, particularly if it is given the option of trumping a management bid.

unveiled by Shohet family

brought to the market two years ago.

They are offering to buy out company was brought to the by the high level of interest

family want to buy back terms value Dukeminster, to achieve the profits growth Dukeminster, the property whose properties are located expected by the City. investment company they throughout Britain, but "We turned in brilliant investment company they throughout Britain, but primarily in the Southeast, at £89.1 million.

Mr Shohet, who still speaks their fellow shareholders at for 47.8 per cent of 75p a share, the same price Dukeminster, says the proppaid by investors when the erty market downturn caused

found them impossible to sell

The conflict in the Gulf and

the generally poor state of the

agencies sector meant no in-

stitution was prepared to take

The collapse comes at an

embarrassing time for WPP.

The company surprised the market with better-than-ex-

pected first-half figures earlier

SALEH Shohet and his market in August 1988. The rates had made it impossible

results last year, but the

market has now disappeared completely," he said. He pointed out that to be anywhere near the profit figure that investors would hope for, "I would need to sell our

best properties. I am not prepared to do that." Figures released yesterday show that Dukeminster's first-

half pre-tax profits have slumped from £3.5 million to £700,000 and there is a loss per share of 0.23p against earnings last time of 2.23p. Mr Shohet, an Iraqi Jew,

came to Europe in the early 1970s, and was based in Madrid before coming to London in the mid-1970s. Dukeminster was his second quoted British property venture. He sold his 20 per cent stake in Hampton Trust to the New Zealand-based Aurora group for about £20 million iust days before the stock market crash in October 1987.

His proposal for taking Dukeminster private does not involve a normal bid procedure, but a scheme of arrangement under which outside shareholders will vote to have their shares cancelled in return for cash from Assetpeak, the Shohets' new private company. This method is cheaper, though, because it needs sanction in the court, may take a few weeks longer.

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policy meeting. Trump deadline looms

IN NEW YORK

THE future of Donald Trump's empire rests with the New Jersey Casino Control Commission's decision, due on Tuesday morning, over a deal between the Trump Organisation and its bankers.

A deal made in June, which gave Mr Trump, the New York property developer, \$65 million in new loans and suspended interest payments on \$850 million, is subject to the approval of the commission as it involves extra bank control over Mr Trump's casinos in Atlantic

The commission heard closing arguments yesterday in which the New Jersey attorney-general's office said it would "reluctantly urge approval" of the deal, apparently because it saw this as the only way to save the casino.

In the hearings, no one called for the deal to be rejected and while, on these grounds, the commission would be expected to approve the deal, this is by no means a certainty.

A report released this week by Kenneth Leventhal, the accounting firm, showed Mr Trump had debts of \$3.2 billion and a net worth, depending on which assets are sold, ranging from a negative \$294 million to a positive \$281 million.

These figures apply only to the casino operations and the commission is keen to ensure that casino licence holders have enough funds to maintain their operations.

Mr Trump's problems were compounded by the fact that revenue from the casinos has been insufficient to cover his interest payments. Figures for July show casino



Trump: awaiting the casino commission's decision

than they did a year earlier.

Tom Carver, the casino association chief, said: "The marked for sale is his airline fact we did not have any growth in one of the major months for the industry is a cause of concern,"

earnings for the 11 Atlantic has \$50 million in loans to Mr City casinos down 14.3 per Trump but the biggest bank cent, making \$1.2 million less lender is Citicorp, which is owed \$993 million.

Among the assets earshuttle running between New York and Washington and personal effects such as some of his homes, private jets and National Westminster Bank yacht.

WPP Group baffled at collapse of share price . By MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in WPP Group, shares after a programme

Martin Sorrell's advertising trade on Thursday night and and media group, lost more than 10 per cent of their stock in London. market value yesterday on reports of a determined seller on Wall Street

The company said it was baffled at why the shares the shares at the end of the should tumble 61p to 483p the London account. day after a "buy" recommendation from Neil Blackley, agencies analyst at James Capel, the broker. Sue Bailey, at Warbury Securities, has also issued such a recommendation. Furthermore, Warburg's agencies team says it regards the shares a buy at

the new price. The collapse in the share price started when an American institution sold shares in New York. The institution is believed

this month, which helped to

counteract earlier worries about its heavy gearing and dismal prospects for the advertising industry.

Mr Blackley said the collapse reflected a credibility problem for WPP. He thinks WPP's debts, currently £320 million, will be paid off out of to have taken about 100,000 cash flow in mid-1996.

Thousands seek return of deposits

Queensway's receivers under siege

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

CHAOS broke out yesterday among thousands of customers of Lowndes Queensway who have paid million of pounds in deposits for goods they have vel to receive.

Customers phoning Ernst & Young, the furniture stores' receivers, were given confusing information. Some were told to contact the shop where they had placed their order. But yesterday the shops were still closed.

Ernst & Young are battling with suppliers and credit card agencies in an effort to reopen the Queensway furniture and Carpetland shops by Monday. The shops have been closed since Wednesday when the group went into receivership with debts of about £300 million. The receivers originally had hoped to reopen

them today. Customers phoning Ernst & Young were told to phone Queensway's customer services department. But it told them to contact the shops. One woman from Surrey was wrongly told by Ernst & Young that she had little chance of

recovering any of her £180 deposit.

for customers wanting information. Of the 11 telephone numbers given, however, only one was working yesterday, though it remained unanswered. The rest were either permanently engaged or were giving a number-unobtainable tone. The

Ernst & Young staff. Ernst & Young said lines were engaged because staff were working flat out answering enquiries. A spokesman said more than a 1,000 calls had been taken by 5.30pm on Friday. "It's like a dealing room down at Lowndes' Orpington head

telephone lines are being manned by

office," he said. The confusion has highlighted the logistical difficulties involved in putting into receivership one of Britain's largest furniture and carpet groups.

Nigel Hamilton, one of the receivers, said the delay in opening the shops was due to three reasons. The receivers want to establish the exact value of stock in the shops, they are negotiating with credit card companies to allow customers to use cards to make purchases when the shops reopen, and they are negotiating

with suppliers to keep the stores stocked. Many of the group's suppliers had

supplying, which means that they still own the furniture.

Mr Hamilton said: "We have to make sure that we are allowed to sell the goods. We don't want to end up being prosecuted for selling goods the company does not own." Some suppliers are sking for their goods to be returned, others have given permission to sell.

A spokesman for Midland Bank, which co-ordinates Queensway's credit card transactions, said he thought it unlikely that an agreement would be reached on the credit card issue until Tuesday or Wednesday.

Queensway customers who have paid deposits look likely to get at least some money back, but there could be a long wait. The group's £15 million customer insurance policy is triggered by the winding up of the company that could take many months.

However, money is unlikely to be paid out until all claims have been received. In addition, the money available will be reduced by the cost of processing the

Mr Hamilton said: "Even if there are only 25,000 claims, the cost of processing A series of hotlines have been set up reserved title over the goods they were them will have to be met by the fund."

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YJ Lovell warning knocks shares

By JONATHAN PRYNN

SHARES in YJ Lovell (Holdings), the construction and housebuilding group that failed in its £157 million hostile takeover bid for Higgs and Hill this year, fell 30p to 157p immediately after a profit warning related to the performance of its urbanrenewal operations.

A statement from the company said that it was increasing provisions in its Lovell Partnerships Division to cover future losses, "particularly in relation to major waterside developments which, in current market conditions, have lower prospec-tive values and may take longer to sell than was previously forecast"

As a result, the company said, profits in the second half are only likely to match the first half.

At the interim stage, the company had said that it expected second-half profits to exceed those of the first half.

The warning means a substantial downgrading of market forecasts for the full year, which had previously been in the £21 million-to-£23 million range.
It is also in sharp contrast to

statements made at the time of the Higgs and Hill bid, when Lovell claimed it was a "balanced business" that was "able to maintain profit growth even in difficult

Antony Hichens, the chairman, said the warning followed a marked slowdown of housing sales in its urban-renewal subsidiary, which operates mainly in South Wales and the north of England.

Total homebuilding this year would be about 1,000 units compared with 1,350 last year. There had also been a 10 per cent fall in sale prices in real terms.

US bank charges to be increased

From JOHN DURIE IN NEW YORK

AM ERICAN bank customers will be forced to pay higher charges as a result of planned government moves to increase the insurance fund levy on banks to raise an extra \$1.1 billion.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, plans to increase the levy the banks must pay from 15 cents per \$100 of deposits to 19.5 cents. The increase which accounts for 7.3 per cent of total bank profits last year of \$15 billion is expected to be passed on to customers in the form of higher charges.

This means American tax payers will be hit by the cost of the \$500 billion savings and loans debacle estimated at \$1,000 for every citizen over the next 30 years and higher

Earlier this year the levy was increased from 12 to 15 cents raising another \$850 million. The fund is used when banks collapse under a law guaranteeing bank deposits.

The move comes amid

growing fears in America that the financial system is in poor shape ahead of the expected slow down in the economy.

While the bank sector is not in as bad a shape as savings and loans institutions, it is in a perilous state compared with previous recessions according to Moody's Investors Service. America has 12,606 banks

but only 44 have assets of more than \$10 billion and these account for 38 per cent of all bank assets. Mr Charles Cranmer,

aSherson Lehman Brothers bank analyst, said: "I'm not sure that the extra \$1 billion will be enough to cover bank losses if the economy does fall in to a recession."

The American Bankers Association said the banks would pay the increased levy but noted: "Further increases will place additional strain on





Leading talks: al-Ameiri

By NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Kuwait Investment Office in London has injected \$350 million into the National Bank of Kuwait to save it from liquidity problems caused by the Iraqi invasion and the subsequent freeze on its assets around the world.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, the world's twelfth largest oil company, has confirmed it is negotiating to buy its oil from Saudi Arabia now that supplies from Kuwait have been cut

The KIO is reported to have made the \$350 million transfer so the bank can continue to meet its customers' commitments.

The National Bank has gross assets of \$12 billion, half of which are estimated to have been seized by

the Iraqis in the invasion. The injection has allowed the bank to continue operating while it decides on its future. The KIO continues to refuse to comment but was reported by brokers last week to be

liquidating large lines of stock. The bank has chosen London for new headquarters since its timezone allows it to keep in contact with its branches in New York and Singa-pore. At least five of the bank's directors, including Ibrahim Daboub, the chief general manager, who were on holiday outside Kuwait when the Iraqis invaded, are

holding board meetings in the City. A spokesman said the bank was going to find it difficult to continue trading in the long term but was looking at ways of achieving it. "Noone is going to take the National Bank's name in the market for some time." KPC, which through its international subsidiary owns three refineries in Europe, as well as 6,500 petrol stations, needs 420,000 barrels a day, worth £10.5 million, to run its operations. A spokesman for KPC, which has moved its headquarters to Bond Street in London, said he was optimistic the company

would conclude the deal. Negotia-

tions are being led by Rashid al-

Ameiri, the chairman and Kuwaiti oil minister. The spokesman said: "The Bank of England and other central banks have been very receptive to the situation and understood that the freeze of assets should not hinder our normal business.

The Bank gave us its assurance on the telephone almost immediately. We are immensely impressed by what has been achieved so quickly." The company is already making plans for its operation if the occupation continues, only two weeks after the imposition of an asset freeze that temporarily threaten their business.

We do have technical problems when our funds cross borders," said its spokesman. "Governments will be cautious. But we are treating the problems one by one and we will establish smooth procedures later."

The KPC had a revenue of 3.7 billion Kuwaiti dinars (£6.73 billion) and net profits of Kd341 million last year and is owned by the Kuwaiu government. The company started expanding Kuwait Petro-leum International, its international downstream business, in 1983 with the acquisition of much of the European business of Gulf. Since then it has ploughed a large part of its retained earnings into expansion outside Kuwait, particularly the chain of Q8 petrol stations. The National Bank has found its existence under the Kuwaiti asset freeze less comfortable, and is still forced to obtain Bank of England approval for each interbank transaction.

The bank is also finding it difficult to cash many of its international certificates of deposit through international clearing

"The Bank of England fails to understand the problems of running a bank in a situation like this."

The bank needs a constant flow of liquidity to meet the withdrawals of its 4,000 London customers since the Bank of England's detailed proceedure on the Kuwaiti asset freeze allows it to pay reasonable living expenses to Kuwaiti residents

£500 a day, but has since relaxed

Nadir drops plan to bid for **Polly Peck**

ASIL Nadir withdrew his bid tions consultant to the approach for Polly Peck, the prospective bid. Polly Peck fresh fruit and electronics company, last night after in- addition to Chartered stitutional shareholders in- WestLB, as its merchant bankdicated they wanted more

than he was prepared to pay. The withdrawal wiped 25 per cent off the market value of the shares. They plunged to a low of 305p and closed at 324p, compared with 402p previously. More than 18

million exchanged hands. The International Stock Exchange panel of the committee an explanation of the sequence of the week's events.

On Sunday, Mr Nadir, who chairs Polly Peck and is the biggest shareholder with 26 per cent, told a board meeting he was thinking of buying out the rest of the group because the City undervalued the

That news sent them 50p higher to 448p and most analysts suggested he must pay at least 500p a share to gain control, valuing the whole company at £2.2

Mr Nadir's withdrawal has reinforced the impression that stock that deserves the low for the entire company."

market rating it has attracted. Mr Nadir said: "Since the time of my letter to the board. I have received approaches from both significant institutional and individual shareholders who have indicated that they would not wish to see Polly Peck become a private company and wish to continue to see it progress and develop as a public entity.

"Therefore, I have decided to discontinue my approach made last Sunday and do not intend to proceed with the possible offer."

According to David Faw-cus, Polly Peck's deputy chief executive, Mr Nadir had the finance to make an offer but it appeared he could not count on the support of enough shareholders to secure a mandatory 90 per cent. Funding was believed to come from foreign banks but not Citicorp, as had been speculated.

Mr Nadir also started to erect rig Chinese walls within the company by appointing the boutique corporate finance house JO Hambro Magan as financial adviser



Nadir: not enough support | a joint venture with a Soviet Tass quoted Mr Ryzhkov as open-market reforms.

retained Morgan Grenfell, in WestLB, as its merchant banking adviser.

Mr Fawcus said the text of Mr Nadir's letter had been cleared with the takeover panel and said that Morgan Grenfell had been satisfied with Mr Nadir's explanation Friends Provident is the

biggest institutional shareholder with a 4.5 per cent on quotations has demanded stake, followed by Standard Life (3 per cent), Prudential and University Superannuation (2.5 per cent each) and Legal & General (about 2 per cent). Several more each own about 1 per cent. Peter Silvester, investment

director at Friends Provident, said: "We haven't put any pressure on Mr Nadir and have been prepared to keep an open mind until the bid was put on the table. "However Mr Nadir would

have detected that many of the institutional investors who are long-term supporters agree with him that the stock is undervalued and said to him Polly Peck is a speculative that he could not afford to bid

announcing a 12 per cent fall

in after-tax profits to SwFr1.22 billion (£508 mil-

The company said: "For the

entire year we expect the

development in sales and

profit to be somewhat under

the previous year's levels, as in

"Moreover, lower sales and

at least equally high costs regularly depress profit in the second half."

It did not make a more

specific 1990 profit forecast,

but added that both sales and

profit are normally much higher in the first half of the

lion) for the first half.

the first semester.

Ciba-Geigy pessimistic as

after-tax profits fall 12%

Basle Geigy's group net profit rose mand was so brisk in some CIBA-GEIGY, the Swiss to SwFr1.56 billion in 1989 important markets that

The Swiss franc's strength

against the American dollar,

the yen and sterling hurt group

sales in the first haif, the

Measured in Swiss francs,

turnover fell 2 per cent in the first half to SwFr10.91 billion,

although sales rose 5 per cent

when adjusted for exchange

Switzerland's largest chemi-

cal group said the economic

climate was more difficult in

the first six months of 1990

construction sectors affected

year than the second, owing to sales, as did structural prob-the seasonal nature of the lems in Latin America and least match 1989 levels.

USSR to woo foreign firms

The Soviet government yes- organisation. A Tass news saying "One can no longer

terday tentatively opened its agency statement said that rely on joint ventures alone."

suggestion that they be to parliament that "envisages parliament at the beginning of

Weak growth in the North

American vehicle, textile and already boosted sales 3 per construction sectors affected cent in the first half and

sales, as did structural prob- forecast its profit would at

than in the 1989 first half.

company said.

rate fluctuations.

chemical company, is taking a from SwFr1.32 billion in pessimistic view of 1990 after 1988.

agricultural business. Ciba- eastern Europe. However, de-

doors to investment from Prime Minister Nikolai

foreign companies with a Ryzhkov had presented a bill

allowed, for the first time, to establishing enterprises fully

establish wholly owned owned by foreign capital on subsidiaries in the Soviet Soviet territory".

Union. "It is impossible to move

At present a foreign com- towards a market economy

pany wishing to do business in while the country is isolated

the Soviet Union has to set up from the world economy,"



No doubts about future growth: Dan Kaplan, president, outside a Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation depot

important markets that

production bottlenecks held

High Swiss inflation meant

costs increased more than

sales, but steps to cut costs and

boost productivity would cer-

tainly help improve results in

1991 and to some extent later

this year, the company said. Heini Lippuner, Ciba-

Geigy's chief executive, said earlier in the year that slowing

global economic growth and

the strengthening franc would

make it difficult to match last

year's results, but had said this

year's profit should match last

Its Swiss rival Sandoz had

The provisions of the new

bill, to be considered by

September, were not made

public and it was not known

whether there would be any

restrictions on foreign com-

Mr Ryzhkov's move is the

latest piece in a package of

panies' operations.

ack potential sales.

By PHILIP PANGALOS SPECTRUM Group, the USM computer equipment distributor, announced a financial restructuring pack-

utive chairman, said the company had conducted thorough review" of its business and "urgent action has been taken to halt the losses" He said substantial cost

Spectrum plans to raise £1

The directors, who together hold 12.9 per cent, have undertaken to take up their rights in respect of 12.1 per

Spectrum made a pre-tax loss of £956,000 in the six months to end-December 1989, against profit of £102,000 previously. Turn-over climbed from £5.2 million to £5.65 million. There is a 5.12p loss per share, against earnings of 0.6p last time. Once again, There is no

The shares were unchanged

Struggling [

age after group losses deep-ened at the halfway stage. Kenneth Vere Nicoll, exec-

savings had already been made and some loss-making branches closed. Spectrum's net assets have fallen below half of its called-

up share capital.

million through a five-for-four rights issue of 24.1 million new shares at 5p per share. The proceeds will be used to reduce bank borrowing and provide additional working

cent of the issue.

Expansion at Herc focuses on **Britain** By DEREK HARRIS

DAN Kaplan, president of Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation (Herc) is planning European expansion with

Herc, part of the American Hertz Corporation, has operations in Spain and France and Mr Kaplan is examining expansion into Germany and

Herc was established in Britain in 1987 in an industry where 2,000 companies com-pete for about £2.4 billion a year in sales.

Among operations in gen-eral plant hire as opposed to those specialising in a particular sector, Here is among the top 25 in Britain, Mr Kaplan claims. In Spain and France he puts Here among the top

Herc's latest integrated £400,000 depot in London's docklands is part of a drive Mr Kaplan expects to provide some growth this year, despite a market that, for the moment, is 25 per cent down. He is looking for "less than 10 per cent" growth in Britain but more than 25 per cent in Spain and France.

Herc has four London depots, one in Birmingham, and a presence in Southampton. Mr Kaplan said: "We are looking at taking some of our machinery out of London and into the regions so we can better ride through the current conditions. That could mean more depots."

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— BUSINESS ROUNDUP)-

Spectrum | British Vita to sell seeks £1m | Australian stake

BRITISH Vita, the polymer group, has said it will sell its 41 per cent stake in Vita Pacific, its Australian associate, Vita Pacific received a Aus\$48 million (£20.17 million) takeover offer from Pacific Dunlop on Thursday, at Aus\$2.4 a share against a Wednesday closing price of Aus\$1.35.

Vita Pacific's board has recommended the bid "in the absence of a better offer". The directors and the two largest shareholders in Vita Pacific, including British Vita, which between them own 80 per cent of the Australian company, have all indicated they will accept the offer. British Vita said Vita Pacific had made a contribution of £770,000 for the year ended June 30.

Nylex to sell BWAC stake

BTR Nylex, the Australian industrial group, which is a subsidiary of BTR, has agreed to sell a 50 per cent interest in Bridge Wholesale Acceptance Corporation (Australia) to Austrim for Aus\$45 million (£19 million). Bridge Wholesale is a financial services specialist. The company made pre-tax profits of Aus\$59.4 million in 1989.

Plasmec slips as costs rise

INCREASED competition and costs lowered pre-tax profits at Plasmec, the USM quoted maker of telecommunications products and plastic components, from £468,000 to £202,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover slipped to £5.36 million (£5.77 million). Earnings per share fell to 2.8p (6.6p). The interim payout has been held at 1.8p.

Guinness in control

GUINNESS is taking control of Crown Brewery, the south Wales brewer, in return for cancelling £3.2 million that Crown owes to the Guinness subsidiary Harp Lager. Through Harp, Guinness will acquire 75 per cent of Crown, leaving existing Crown shareholders with the rest of

the ungeared business. Gareth Thomas, managing director of Crown, said the deal was "the only practical way of maintaining a unique business

Filofax offer attracts 79%

TRANWOOD Consortium Fund, the fund managed by Peter Earl's company, Tranwood Earl, has 79.51 per cent of Filofax. TCF's 30p-a-share offer for the personal organiser group went unconditional a month ago. Filofax will now have a five-for-nine rights issue at 30p to raise £2.1 million to help fund the business.

NEI awarded £45m order NEI International Combus-

tion, part of Rolls-Royce, has won a £45 million contract for eight heat-recovery boilers for a gas-fired, combined-cycle power station to be built by America's Enron Power at Wilton on Teesside, Cleveland. The contract will provide a "considerable" amount of

Dalgety out of Africa

DALGETY, the once-global food and agribusiness group, has withdrawn for Africa with the sale of its Dalgety Zimbabwe subsidiary to Astra Corporation for £10 million.

Payment is in the form of a six-year Zimbabwe government bond paying 4 per cent a year. Because of currency controls, only one-sixth of the capital can be repatriated to London each year. The sale means that Dalgety's significant non-European interests are now confined to Australia and America.

Tired power systems generate concern at banks

THE emergency power systems that kept the banking system in business after last Monday's power failure in the Wall Street area are showing signs of wear, causing a new round of

problems. At the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, for example, a water cooling pipe ruptured on Thursday, causing two of three emergency electrical generators to shut down and forcing major adjustments to the "Fed wire."

The Fed wire electronically transfers about \$900 billion a day between banks in 100,000 separate transactions. A broken generator at Citibank also caused problems with its consumer banking business. Elliott McEntee, president of the National

Automated Clearing House Association, a

more support like spare parts and trained maintenance people."

The power problem was an indirect result of a blackout caused by a fire on Monday, which cut electricity to the Fed office and many other buildings in the Wall Street area of lower

Manhattan. The Fed was able to maintain operations and avoid asking for a bank holiday on Thursday by shifting its electronic fund transferring and communications system to back-up computers and telephone lines in Pearl River, New York.

The ten-inch cooling pipe burst at 5am on Thursday, and the Fed's funds transfer system began operating at 11.15am.

By 3pm, the volume of activity was normal trade group, said: "One thing bankers are - and the Fed had managed to catch up with the going be looking at after this episode is backlog of delayed orders. The Fed's Pearl

whether their emergency generators need River facility was set up in 1987, as part of the campaign by Gerald Corrigan, the bank's president, to improve what he calls "the plumbing of the financial system". The Fed Reserve System is crucial to the

well-being of financial markets, because it is used by securities dealers and banks to make immediate payments. A lack of confidence in the system could create "financial gridlock," if banks and

securities firms stopped sending payments or delayed sending money because of fears that they would not receive payments. Normally, the Pearl River facility exists only to duplicate the activities of the regular computer system, so that records of trans-

Among the city's leading banks, the power cut caused the most problems for Citibank, which has an office at 111 Wall Street in lower

actions can be provided in an emergency.

Manhattan. That office is Citibank's largest processing centre, handling 1.3 million household accounts. Initially, the batteries and six generators in the building kept the computer system operating. But Citibank later transferred some activities to other places in the city and Secaucus, New Jersey, after the systems shut down temporarily.

Matthew Kiffner, managing director of Citibank's New York bank system, said: "We have not lost any information, so we have a record of any deposits that have been made." For many customers, electronic deposits of salaries or the paying in of cheque did not

appear in their accounts Thursday.

Citibank said certain branches would open vesterday at 8am rather than 9am and would stay open until 7 pm. Branches will also be open today from 10am until 2pm.

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STOCK MARKET

Fears on Middle East send

PRICES, affected by worries at 2,053.17. in the bond market, dropped average was 35.40 down at

2,646.40 at 10.15am. Edward Shopkorn, the general partner in charge of Mabon Nugent's institutional equities, said: "The news just keeps getting worse. Bonds are looking to go towards 9 per cent (in yields) and there's a lot of nervousness about the

66.83 points on Thursday.

Houg Kong - Sharp selling in Tokyo undermined confidence in Hong Kong and prices slid at the opening, with only a small recovery later.

60.65 points (1.91 per cent) to

The broader-based Hong

about the American economy. • Taipei - Taiwan shares fell more unsettling news from the 6.8 per cent, a record percent-Middle East and rising yields age loss for a single day, as investors were thrown into steeply in morning trading, turmoil by Tokyo's losses and The Dow Jones industrial the news that Saudi Arabia would cut oil supplies to Taiwan. The weighted index

lost 292.72 to 4.010.56. • Sydney - The market finished sharply down after negative news from CSR, a big building group, halted an early recovery. The All-Ordinaries index ended 15.2 weaker at 1.543.30.

Middle East."

A surprisingly good trade lower across the board in thin gap for June had linde impact.

The Dow average fell by falls on Wall Street and in Tokyo. The Straits Times industrial index fell 15.23 to

year, mirroring the stampede

TOKYO

Nikkei slumps a further 762 points

SHARES closed sharply lower after worries about the Middle East and thin, summer volume created a day of volatile trading. The Nikkei index slumped 762.72 points, or 2.77 per cent, to 26.786.72 after tumbling by 562.68

points on Thursday.
The Nikkei is now showing a loss on the week and brokers predicted more volatility and possible further declines next

A dealer at a Japanese broker said: "Next week, the fund managers will be coming back from holidays. It is difficult to say what will happen, but they may start selling after having missed this week's losses."

The Nikkei fell from the opening after arburageurs sold the cash indices to buy the cheaper index futures con-

The Nikkei fell more than 300 points below Thursday's

news of increasing tension in the Middle East created nervousness in the market.

States warships to immediately begin enforcing a blockade of Iraq and Kuwait added to this nervousness in the late

Many senior brokers were still on their summer holidays and that meant another thin, volatile day. Only 300 million shares changed hands, unchanged from Thursday.

Falling shares outnumbered rises by more than seven to one with 861 lower, 115 higher and 105 unchanged. Nearly 95 per cent of the first section's issues were traded.

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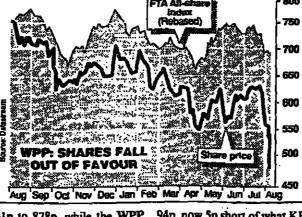
FT-SE down 45 points INFLATION was supposed to dominate the last day of the account, but the worsening situation in the Middle East rendered such domestic mat-

ters irrelevant. London opened sharply lower in direct response to Thursday's late fall on Wall Street. By 10am, the FT-SE 100 index was more than 30 points off its opening level. July's inflation figures, showing a 9.8 per cent annual increase in the retail price index, were ignored as dealers sought to cover exposed positions before the weekend break. When Wall Street

opened lower again, London had only one way to go.
By the close, the FT-SE 100 index had fallen 45.2 points to 2.176.9, with the FT 30 index sliding 46 points to 1,678.9. With 500 million shares changing hands, dealers des-cribed selling as heavy. The biggest casualty was Polly Peck, down 78p to 324p

as 17 million shares changed hands. The slump followed the news that Asil Nadir, the chairman, less than six days after announcing his plans to take the company private, had changed his mind. Mr Nadir said he had bowed to pressure

from shareholders. With the nervous American market setting the trend for the world's other markets, London stocks with large American followings suffered badly. After Thursday's big fall, Reuters dropped another



51p to 878p, while the WPP advertising group plummeted 61p to 483p on talk of American sellers. Glaxo tumbled 32p to 726p.

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94p, now 5p short of what KB paid Burmah Oil for the stake. Enterprise Oil was also struggling despite the successful placing of ICI's 24.9 per cent stake this week. Enternorm, oils and golds stood out prise fell 2p to 640p. ICI as prices for both commod-ities rose. BP rose 8p to 376p, One casualty of a rising oil

The situation in the Middle East and the rapidly weakening dollar continues to hit shares with an exposure to the London bottel market. Ladbroke, the owner of the Hilton International chain, fell 11p to 273p, while Trustbouse Forte slid 11p to 251p. Friendly Hotels tumbled 21p to 239p.

with the price given an additional push by encouraging exploration reports from Mexico. Lasmo put on 12p to 467p. Goal Petroleum rose 1p to 113p and Hardy Oil 2p to 213p. Shell rose 7p to 492p. However, there was no relief for Kleinwort Benson, the

holder of more than 29 per

cent of Premier Consolidated

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price was British Airways, 11p lower at 161p.

Gold shares were also on the way up as the London gold price rose by more than \$410 an ounce. Vaal Reefs rose 225p to £49.44, Freegold improved 28p to 651p and Harmony finished 40p stronger at 588p. However, Lourho. which has been strong all the week on the back of gold and

set the tone for trading, the

While it was the growing Middle Eastern troubles that problems affecting the domestic economy were not ignored. The stern tone of the Bank of England's latest Quarterly Bulletin, which suggested that high interest rates would be needed for some time, knocked the property and construction sectors. Gilts, too, were affected, down by more than three-quarters of a point at the

Property companies with high borrowings were first in the firing line. Both Priest Marians and Rosehaugh reached lows, with Priest falling 11p to 30p and Rosehaugh 9p to 114p. Helical Bar was also marked down, falling 13p to 175p, while London & Metropolitan, the developer, eased 7p to 49p. Speybawk, which has been buoyed by bid hopes all week, fell 14p to 259p.

The leaders in the property sector were also hit. Land Securities fell 8p to 494p, MEPC slid 10p to 482p, ans Great Portland eased 4p to 224p, a fall matched by Greycoat which closed at 406p. Dukeminster bucked the trend, adding 9p to 71p. but only because Saleh Shohet, the chairman, has announced proposals to take the company private.

MATTHEW BOND

Boost for oil-from-coal research

By DEREK HARRIS INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

OIL-from-coal technology, said to be capable of producing unleaded petrol, which is currently selling at about £2.30 a gallon, has taken a big step forward with the opening of British Coal's £40 million pilot plant at Point of Ayr in north Wales. According to John North-

ard. British Coal's deputy chairman, a new coal liquefaction process means Britain could turn to coal as a main source of petrol. diesel and other transport fuels once North Sea gas and oil supplies (Reuter) have dwindled to uneconomic levels or have been exhausted. Mr Northard, who was speaking at the official open-

ing of the Point of Ayr plant by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said: "If any single project gives the lie to the view that coal is a fuel of the past it is this liquefaction plant. Coal remains our most abundant solvent extraction process



Northard: coal will be Britain's fuel of the future

energy resource, and the liquid coal long after gas and oil." being developed at Point of in the Middle East have Ayr provides yet another rea- provided a pertinent reminder

Arncliffe hurt by

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By JONATHAN PRYNN

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son why we will be relying on of the danger of becoming over-reliant on overseas sup-He added: "Recent events plies to meet our energy needs, attracted interest as far away even in the short term."

to pave the way for full-scale commercial plants that would consume up to 6 million tonnes of coal a year and produce about 50,000 barrels a day of petrol and diesel.

British Coal believes that oil-coal price ratios will mean five commercial liquefaction plants will be needed by 2005. These would be able to supply about a quarter of Britain's estimated petrol and diesel

The Point of Ayr plant will convert 2.5 tonnes of coal a day into transport fuels in a three-year programme which is designed to assess the technical and commercial potential of the process.

The aim of the pilot programme is to double efficiency levels so that liquefaction matches rival processes and to ensure that liquefaction plants are environmentally accept-

Britain has a world lead in this technology thanks to Brit-Northard. The project had as American, Janan and South

The pilot plant is expected Africa, he said. Philip Morris names **Suchard executives**

ALPHA STOCKS

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selected a management team to run Jacobs Suchard, the charge has caused a collapse in Isadore Fisch, chairman, said Swiss sweets and coffee cominterim pre-tax profits at trading conditions for prop-

develde, a European food executive, has been named chief administrative officer.

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PHILIP Morris, the American but only 30 per cent of the food and tobacco group, has capital, was now complete. Suchard was valued at \$3.8 billion in June.

The company said it had no pany acquired recently.

Raymond Viault, a New plans to change its offer for remaining shares. Other York coffee executive, will shareholders have complained become chief executive of about Philip Morris's offer of Suchard, and Luc Van- SwFr 1,660 (£672) a share, It paid SwFr 3,645 a share for

Colima's stake. Philip Morris said Suchard would become the largest chase of Suchard from Klaus European coffee company Jacobs of Colima Holding, when combined with its Euro-which controls 62 per cent of pean operations. (New York Times)

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'Unfair' coal policy hits Young Group

interim dividend at 2.6p a share after suffering a drop in pre-tax profits from £1.37 million to £637,000 during the six months to June 2. Earnings fell from 9.64p a share to 4.78p.

Robert Young, chairman and managing director, said the group's operations had suffered through unfavourable treatment of private coal miners by both British Coal and electricity suppliers in the runup to privatisation.

The electricity supplier in-dustry pays British Coal around £46 a tonne for the 85 million tonnes it provides each year

It pays private coal miners, which supply up to 2 million tonnes, £35 a tonne. The private sector must also

pay British Coal a royalty of per tonne of opencast coal and £1.50 for each tonne of underground coal. These contractual agree-

ments are the subject of a formal complaint to the European Commission by the Nat-

YOUNG Group, the Tyneside ional Association of Licensed coal miner, is maintaining its Opencast Operators and the Federation of Small Mines of Great Britain, which allege anti-competitive behaviour. Mr Young said he was "cannously optimistic" the outcome of the complaint would improve the group's prospects.

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Meanwhile, Young Group is curtailing investment at underground mines in County Durham and Northumberland. Production levels are also being reviewed to minimise costs.

The group's underground mines in Staffordshire were operating at a profit, Mr Young said.

Group turnover rose from £14.5 million to £16.94 million but operating profits fell from £1.7 million to £1.2 million.

Interest charges rose from £332,000 to £562,000. There is an extraordinary charge of £149,000 in respect of costs incurred during the unsuccessful attempt to buy a 42.9 per-cent stake in Australian Mining investments.

Shun Tak up 25% to £10m

From Lutu Yu IN HONG KONG

SHUN Tak Enterprises, the flagship company in Hong Kong of Stanley Ho, the casino operator, yesterday announced net profits up 25 per cent to HK\$152 million (£10.23 million) for the six months to end-June, in line with market expectations.

Dr Ho, the chairman, who controls a transport, property, hotel and gambling empire in Hong Kong and Macau, gave a bullish forecast for the next

few years.

Shun Tak operates 13 jetfoils between Hong Kong and Macau, maintaining a market share of nearly 70 per cent of all Macau traffic. The company owns development projects in Hong Kong and Perth. Australia. The only loss-making op-

eration was cargo transport by the two Boeing 707 aircraft of Air Hong Kong, an airline in which the group has a 40 per cent stake.

Shun Tak is recommending an interim dividend of 9.5 cents per share, an increase of 5.5 per cent over 1989.

Gap has a 36% boost to profits By OUR CITY STAFF

GAP Inc, the American clothing retailer making strong inroads into the British market, reported strong sales for the second quarter.

For the three months ended August 4, Gap had earnings of \$19.2 million, or 54 cents a share, up 36 per cent from \$14.1 million, or 40 cents a share, in the comparable period a year ago.

Sales rose 24 per cent, to \$405 million, from \$325.9 million in the second quarter of the 1990 fiscal year. Comparable store sales in-

creased 19 per cent, with all divisions contributing to the gains, including Banana Republic, Gap Kids and Hemisphere.

"We are very pleased with these results. Strong consumer acceptance of new merchandise beloed fuel sales gains," said Donald Fisher, Gap's chairman and chief executive.

The company's stock fell \$1.125 a share to \$55 on Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, as stocks were down broadly.

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3.8 per cent to a low for the The Hang Seng index shed to sell on other European exchanges. The MIB index ended at 906, 5.43 per cent down on the week. (Reuter)

The news that President Bush has ordered United

morning, but by the afternoon the Nikkei was trading narrowly 100 points above the day's low of 26,651,78.

Losses on Wall Street overnight and cheap futures contracts contributed to yesterday's declines, but brokers said that tensions in the

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Hutchison tells HK it may

IN HONG KONG

HUTCHISON Whampoa, the flagship company of Li Kashing, the multi-billionaire, has made public an ultimatum to the government over plans to set up a satellite television

service in Hong Kong. Hutchison said it would scrap plans to beam satellite programmes into Hong Kong homes if the government failed to come up with acceptable licensing and regulatory conditions by the end of the

The threat, if carried out, would cause a loss for Hutchison and another company that is controlled by Mr

It would also allow a big comeback of a rival group developing cable television. At the moment the projects of Hutchison and its rival are

grounded because of conflicting interests between cable TV and satellite operators. Hutchison has been barred

ter Antenna Television (SMATV) systems until 360 ba licensing requirements are The cable consortium led by Sir YK Pao's Wharf Holdings

£10m

is also threatening to pull out unless a ban on satellite competition is enforced. In an open letter to

shareholders, Hutchison said



Li Ka-shing: his satellite television project is grounded from setting up Satellite Mas-ment's broadcasting regula- company will have no altertions regarding cigarette native but to forgo its plans to advertising and pornography. provide this Hong Kong-

But the company added: "If government's terms for issuing a television broadcasting indicated that the company licence are commercially un- may move the satellite busiacceptable and government is unable to adopt a viable regulatory framwork for the

based service." Hutchison executives have

ness to Thailand. Hutchison has agreed to lease 12 transponders, or siglicensing of SMATV by the nal transmitters, from

Telecom and the Pekingbacked China International Trust and Investment Corp. Hutchison has transferred

49 per cent of its interests in the satellite broadcasting project to a company controlled by Mr Li and his family to reduce the listed company's risks, the letter said. "In view of the risks in-

volved if the project proceeds. the company has resolved that it should not undertake the entire project on its own but should instead seek out investors to join in this venture up to a maximum of 49 per cent. Meanwhile, Hong Kong Ca-

Communications (HKCC), the consortium comprising Wharf, Sun Hung Kai, the property group, US West, the telecoms giant, Coditel, the Belgian cable operator, and Shaw Brothers. the film company of Sir Run Run Shaw, has denied speculation that some of its partners are selling out to Hutchison.

"It is totally unfounded and absolutely untrue," said Mr Stephen Ng, managing director of Wharf Holdings. He emphasised his compa-

ny's commitment to the cable

The denial is the first time HKCC has spoken out since the government announced plans for a partial deregulation it would abide by the govern- end of the year, then the AsiaSat, the satellite in which of satellite TV a fortnight ago.

Share dealing reforms needed to encourage small investors

separate stock exchange for private investors, like reinventing the wheel, is not necessary, but unless the International Stock Exchange shows more interest in them and offers a better and cheaper service, it may just happen.

David Jones, chief executive of Sharelink, the British Telecom-Albert E Sharp-owned telephone-based share dealing service, is the most outspoken advocate of a separate system for private investors. Preferably part of the ISE (he is a member of the ruling council), his parallel market would be equipped to handle a high volume of small orders.

It would be an order-driven market, automatically matching and executing buy and sell orders 24 hours a day either at prevailing prices or against limits set by the investor. There would be no market-makers and thus no market-makers' spread (the difference between buying and selling prices that provides market-makers with their living). Clients would pay their brokers a charge based on the size of the transaction

Alone, Mr Jones would probably find the going impossibly difficult, but with government backing he might persuade the ISE to offer private investors a better deal. He has the ear of John Redwood, Minister for Corporate Affairs, who this week said publicly that if the Stock Exchange did not create a system better suited to the needs of private investors and smaller quoted companies he might support an "independent" market - though not, he added, with public money.

This does not sound like a serious threat to me but it does underline the government's dissatisfaction with the Stock Exchange's meagre contribution to the cause of wider share ownership. which might by now have died had the government not breathed new life into it through privatisation issues and



phasing out stamp duty. For their part, stock exchange firms are too preoccupied with staunching their own bleeding to be moved to action by Mr Redwood.

This is not true of Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman, who, for various reasons, needs to be sensitive to government feelings; Peter Rawlins, his chief executive, who is building a reputation as action man; and Peter Holloway, the new "special adviser" and a former head of market-making at BZW, who by the end of next month promises forward-looking strategic recommendations to replace the backward-looking set put forward in the last 18 months by the Elwes Committee, of which he was a member.

Mr Holloway cannot help addressing the private investor problem, if only because a firm decision is needed on whether to proceed with Close (central limited order system execution), an order-driven system for small deals, which small investors might favour. There is an alternative. Market-

makers, who are against order-driven systems, accept that the biggest deterrent to dealing among private clients is the size of the spread. If the price of a share has to rise 15 per cent or more before the buyer breaks even, where is the incentive?

Spreads in second and third line stocks can be "diabolical", either because market-makers simply do not want to deal or because they refuse to play ball in a game that they maintain is loaded against them. One eminent market-maker says: "The broker knows where the stock is held; he does most of

the business himself; and he goes to the market-maker only if he cannot do it himself. We are not here to do the fag end of the business." Pre-Big Bang, the jobbers would be shown deals within and between brokers that were formally "put through" them.

Market-makers might be prepared to narrow their spreads in second and third line stocks and commit themselves to dealing in larger lines if the old put-through rule were brought back. Such a backward-looking idea may not appeal to Mr Holloway but it would have an immediate and visible effect, put the Stock Exchange in a better light and perhaps persuade private investors to show more interest in the equity

There are, obviously, limits to the beneficial effects that different systems and lower dealing costs can have. The tax advantages of house purchase, pension schemes and other forms of collective saving have diminished the appeal of shares, which, in their nature, carry greater risks. How considerable these risks can be was brought home in the 1987 crash. The subsequent recovery has been uneven. While the leading stocks have performed well, shares in smaller companies, which tend to attract private investors, have performed much less well.

The Unlisted Securities Market, in the 18 months ended in June, underperformed the FT-SE All-Share index by 30 per cent. This is not surprising. High interest rates, to which the government has resorted to bring down inflation, hit smaller businesses much harder than major corporations. Whereas the majority of big companies are still growing, an overwhelming number of smaller companies are slowing down.

Technical reforms in Stock Exchange systems are, by contrast, marginal in their impact on investors' attitudes but they ought not, for that reason, to

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Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 95.3 (day's range 95.1-95.3).

on \$7bn tax bill

EXXON has received a bill could not estimate those from the American Internal Revenue Service for nearly \$7 billion for the years from 1979 to 1982.

America's largest oil company has filed an appeal in the District of Columbia tax court. The company, disputes \$2 billion of the tax charge, which refers to the pricing of oil bought from Saudi Arabia during the 1979 oil crisis. The company said the remaining \$5 billion arose from a complicated procedural matter and that the sum would be virtually eliminated after talks with tax officials.

include interest charges that Mobil and Chevron. Accordwould be due if the case goes against the company, said William O'Brien, Exxon's resell the oil at the same vice-president and general tax counsel. He said he

charges. Mike Schofield, the public affairs officer for the Houston district of the internal revenue, cited privacy regulations and said: "I can't confirm or deny the issuance of a notice to them."

The heart of the dispute concerns a period at the time of the Iranian revolution in 1979 when Saudi Arabia, seeking to hold down the price of crude, sold oil to Arabian American Oil Company for about \$28 a barrel, \$6 below the then-market price. Arabian American Oil Company, known as Aramco, was then The \$2 billion does not owned by Exxon, Texaco, ing to Exxon, Saudi Arabia ordered the four companies to

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Exxon files appeal | Hewlett moves PC base to Grenoble

HEWLETT-Packard is movpersonal computer group division. from Sunnyvale, California, to Grenoble, France, in a move reflecting the growing importance of the European

This week the company reported declining earnings for the third quarter to end-July. Shares, which were already depressed in anticipation of a disappointing quarter, dropped \$1.875, closing at \$35.875 a share on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday.

The company announced

that the present general man-

ager, Jacques A Clay, is to be general manager of the personal computer group. Clay, aged 47, succeeds Robert L Puette, who left Hewlett-

market.

come president of Apple ing the headquarters of its Computer's American

> Clay, who is French and joined the company in 1973, has held management positions in Grenoble and Sunnyvale.

> The regional headquarters will all retain their present management, the company said. Clay will head both the worldwide and European PC operations.

For the quarter, Hewlett-Packard had earnings of \$178 million, or 73 cents a share, down 4.8 per cent, from \$187 million, or 79 cents a share, in the same period last year. Revenues rose 8 per cent, to \$3.24 billion, from \$3 billion in the third quarter of the 1989 fiscal period. (New York Times)

Cash is king while tensions persist

roaring bull market is not, I small benefit to the balance of payfear, about to happen. The City is taking a second, and gloomier, view of the Middle East confrontation. The prospect of an early, peaceful end to the conflict has almost vanished. The economic consequences of a shooting war, disrupted and more expensive oil supplies, and the dislocation of trade cannot be less

than serious. After the initial shock of the Iraqi invasion UK equities stood up pretty well. The drop in the FT-SE 100 was smaller than falls in the US Dow Jones, the German DAX and the Nikkei index

The logic was fairly simple. North Sea oil made the UK less vulnerable to higher oil prices (indeed they provided ments). Sterling remained strong and helped to contain inflation. Leading UK shares were moderately

rated compared with German and Japanese stocks and thus better protected against waves of international

These were more likely to be concentrated on Japan and Germany, which import their oil.

In this situation it made sense to wait on the sidelines, not as a prospective seller but as a shrewd buyer of good stocks should they happen to wilt.

Oil shares, which have been well supported in the correct belief that higher prices provide a more profitable environment, are a good example. Wednesday's sale by Warburg Securi-

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

changed and I would expect equities to have a tough time until the autumn and electricity privatisation.

any other house to bid for it.

Wall Street is unlikely to offer any real support. Unless and until it is clear that the Middle East crisis will be resolved without war with Iraq, cash is the preferred medium.

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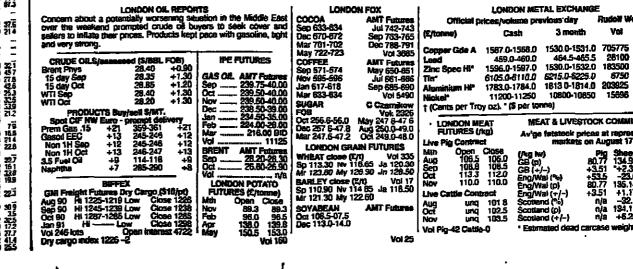
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More home buyers give up keys before facing action over arrears

By LINDSAY COOK

A RISING number of struggling home buyers are giving up their properties without a court order

The Woolwich Building Society says that 75 per cent of the properties it takes into possession do not involve a court hearing, while the Council of Mortgage Lenders estimates that half of the 14,390 properties repossessed in the first half of the year involved owners who handed over their

This was an increase on the previous half-year when 44 per cent voluntarily handed over properties. Prior to that, 30 per cent of possession cases were voluntary.

While lenders want to help genuine hardship cases to linquish their homes in the least painful way, they are also determined not to be left with debts from people who go on

Building societies and other lenders suspect that some borrowers who could afford to meet their payments are handing over keys when they cannot find a buyer for a property that has fallen in value. The owners want to move to another house and are attempting to walk away from a substantial loss.

People who bought in London at the height of the market in 1988 could find their home is worth 20 per cent less.

Mark Boleat, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "If there is evidence that a borrower can



pursued. If they want to walk away just because the value of the property is below the loan they will be pursued for the

"It is conceivable to have a possession without arrears. The owner has no equity and wants to move and decides to throw in the keys. It does not happen very often. It happens more in America, but it also happens here. We would not pursue if there was no point in doing so. But we would if they have taken advantage of market conditions and have bought a property as an investment that has not worked out or if they are looking to buy another property."

Some lenders suspect that mortgage brokers have suggested abandoning properties to people who have large enough incomes to start afresh with another property.

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At the Woolwich, Frank Bartlett, assistant general manager (lending), said that if a person who handed over keys had other assets they would be expected to cover any loss.

Another lender said it had come across cases where it believed the people could afford to pay, but they had opted to leave their debts and move into cheaper accommodation or had gone to stay The spokesman said: "It

seems on their incomes that they could afford the payments. It would be a struggle, but we cannot understand why they have handed in the kevs.'

The loans involved were usually for a high percentage Both the lenders and the on properties that have fallen

afford repayments they will be companies that provide in- in value to below the level of

trying to walk away from a loss on a property.

A spokesman said: "We will continue to adopt a sympathetic attitude in helping people in genuine difficulty, but people who have the capacity to pay should not assume they can walk away from their responsibilities. "Their financial respon-

keys. They still have obligations under the personal covenant of their mortgage deeds.

for the debt. He added: "We are con-

experienced some borrowers

The largest lender, the Halifax building society, has also handing in their keys and

"It could be that where it is considered they have the ability to pay, lenders will consider pursuing these borrowers

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threatens legal action, after a month or two the mortgage arrears can get more seriously out of control. "We try to help borrowers,

but there is a general concern that some borrowers are relying on the fact that building societies are helpful, patient and sympathetic and that others are paid out at our expense. In some cases, the roof over their heads does not take first priority, but is second or third."

Mr Bartlett said that people who handed over keys would not have a court debt record but that anyone applying for another mortgage would have to agree to references being

"Having a property pos-sessed does not necessarily debar somebody from another mortgage in the future." He added: "We do not

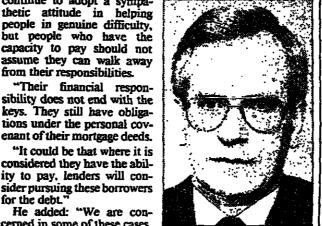
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from one property and start gain immediately. We would vant them to cover any loss." Lenders fear that until property prices start to pick up there will be more borrowers trying to abandon properties on which they are making a loss although they can afford the payments. In a lot of cases the borrowers bought at the

height of the property market

in the summer of 1988 with

double tax relief.



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The guide emphasises the need to arrange overdrafts for loans by telephone.

Lenders keen to assist in mortgage problems

individual circumstances. A borrower six months behind with payments after an accident may become an impeccable payer as soon as he or she returns to work, while another who has missed one payment through marital break-up may have little chance of saving the home (Lindsay Cook writes).

Because lenders need to know the reasons for payments stopping or falling short of the monthly amount, they all stress the need for customers with difficulties to contact their local branches. They may be able to temporarily reduce payments or to help the borrower to claim income support to cover the interest on the loan.

Building societies and banks have specialist staff available to help customers with financial problems. The Halifax Building Soci-

ety and many other lenders write to borrowers as soon as the first payment is missed. The lenders are keen to make early contact with a borrower and will often telephone if there is no response to a letter.

Although there is no typical case, it is rare for homes to be taken into possession by sufficient payments, a vol-

The bank has produced

500,000 copies of the 19-page booklet; which is available at

all branches. It suggests work-ing out a budget before taking

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It is vital, therefore, that you

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every payment to be missed. Abbey National, the second

largest lender, sends letters to missed between one and three customer to contact the branch to discuss any problems so that answers can be found as soon as possible to avoid further arrears. Each branch has at least one qualified debt counsellor, who may suggest extending the loan term, deferring interest, or moving to a different type of

If the borrower does not respond, the bank will try to contact them discreetly by elephone. If they do not make sent. In most cases an agreement is made in a month or so on lower payments for a time.

Where this is not achieved, or the customer has still not responded to letters, the branch manager will make a personal visit to the borrower to try to find out what the problems are and to suggest ways of resolving them. If it appears that there is no chance of the customer keeping up

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About one-fifth of Nat-

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The bank will give copies of

the guide to all students,

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John Bayliss, Abbey Nacustomers who have fallen tional's general manager, said into arrears when they have the vast majority of cases involve properties that are payments. These invite the now worth less than the outstanding mortgage. If there is little equity in the property, there is little incentive for the homeowner to struggle to meet the payments.

If a customer has not committed to make a regular payment, or to the voluntary handing over, the "power of sale" arises at three mouths' arrears, a spokesman said. Solicitors are instructed to apply for a court order. They contact the customers advising them that they have been instructed contact, further letters will be and that if the arrears have not been repaid within seven days they will proceed.

If there is no response to the letter, the solicitors will ask for a hearing date to be set by the court. These are currently taking up to three months from application. At the bearing, the court has to be satisfied that the borrower cannot afford the repayments. If it is granted, possession takes place 28 days after the hearing. This allows the borproperty. It can also be suspended or abandoned if the customer puts forward a viable solution to repay the

Many borrowers make a last-ditch attempt to come to some arrangement at this stage. Lenders will hold off if they believe there is a chance of payments being maintained. Where reposs goes ahead, an Abbey National branch manager takes charge of the property at-tended by a bailiff.

Lenders are legally bound to get the best price possible for

the property.

Many of the people in arrears are what the Abbey terniz "mortgage interest relief victims", who rushed to beat the ending of multiple tax relief in July 1988, when mortgage rates were about 6 per cent lower than the current 15.4 per cent. Many have not been in debt before and find it difficult to discuss their problems with their lenders.

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Crime watch areas attract discount on home insurance

By ANTONY BARNETT

CARELESS householders were responsible for at least 27 per cent of London's burglaries in the year to June, according to statistics pubished this week.

intruders gained access without having to force an entry in more than 40,000 of the burglaries reported to London police

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People who allow burglars in, by forgetting to lock windows or doors, are pushing up the cost of insurance for more careful householders. The vigilant have to pay premiums that reflect the claims experience in the postal district in which they live.

Those who have made no theft claims, but who pay high premiums because their postal code is rated as a high crime area, should consider joining a neighbourhood watch scheme.

Because insurers still rely on the postcode to set rates there can be anomalies. This particularly affects those living in metropolitan suburbs. For example, householders in Wandsworth, SW18, can pay almost twice as much as residents living one road away under Wimbledon's SW19 postcode.

Members of the Institute of Insurance Brokers offer a policy that determines the premium according to the number of burglaries per 100 homes in every watch area each year. The policy, set up by Strovers, the insurance brokers, is underwritten by Switzerland Insurance.

It divides households into five sectors, with area one corresponding to one burglary



Break-in: neighbourhood watch areas are a better risk

per £1,000 new-for-old housefor area five.

Strovers audits the records reward successful watch schemes that can demonstrate consistent reduction in

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Brownhill Morris and West of the neighbourhood watch another broker, shares co-ordinators to validate the Strovers' confidence in the claimed burglary rate. John neighbourhood watch scheme. Wardrop, managing director, Its policy is backed by General said Strovers was seeking to Accident and only operates within London.

The company sends an inspector to check each insured house to ensure ade-He said: "We are not look- quate home security in every

never get to the stage where we will be underwriting on a street-by-street basis. We wouldn't want to anyway, as some low-risk areas would be paying the bare minimum and high-risk areas would face enormous premiums." But CU has undertaken its

own research into neighbourhood watch and found a link between the existence of the scheme and lower crime figures. CU now gives a 5 per cent discount to watch members on its postcode-based bousehold policy.

Members can obtain concessions from other policies but premiums will still be Britain. based on post codes. Hill House Hammond offers a 10 per cent discount, while Norwich Union, Sun Alliance and

Survey finds fewer savers

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE number of non-savers in Britain may be on the increase, according to a quarterly survey by National Westminster Bank.

A quarter of all people questioned said they do not save, compared with one in five in the last survey.

Many of those that do save areas with a low rate of tend to do so spasmodically, burglaries as well as the more with 32 per cent saying they put money by when they can afford to. A quarter save every month and 17 per cent every

The amount saved has also fallen slightly. The average during the quarter was £173 to lump everybody in the same postal district together, especially if there is a neighbourhood watch in opper person, compared with £175 in the first three months of the year. In the earlier survey. 29 per cent of people questioned expected poll tax and inflation to influence neighbourhood watch them to save less.

schemes but cannot afford the During the past three months half as many people time or manpower to evaluate the effectiveness of each inthought that the poll tax would prevent them saving -They argue that household 24 per cent compared with 48 premiums are comparatively per cent in the first quarter. small and they can only oper-ate profitably in this area by High mortgage rates were given as a reason for not saving by 8 per cent, comunderwriting in large pared with 16 per cent in the To do this, they need a way first quarter.

The cost of holidays was uppermost in people's minds. with 27 per cent stating that these would stop them saving as much in the third quarter.

Those questioned in London and the Southeast claimed to save most, with an average of £195, while those in the Southwest saved least at £133. The Welsh and Scots claimed to save on average £170 and £162 respectively over the period. The NatWest savings

barometer is a quarterly research exercise that tracks the nation's views on savings. Research was conducted by Gallup Poli between June 27 and July 4.

The survey was based on 2,812 interviews throughout Most of those questioned

preferred to save for short term goals, with only about a third willing to save for five

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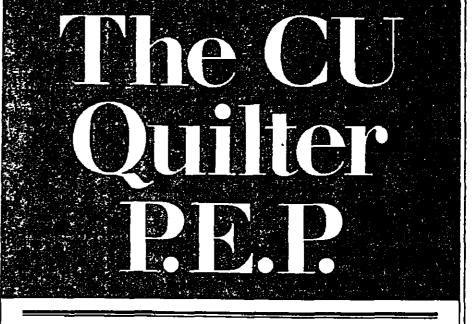
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Belgium will be available to This summer the Royal Bank building societies can impose British building society and of Scotland, AIB Group, and a levy for foreign transactions, the year. The arrangement, Chelsea, Derbyshire, Dun- already added charges for the plan to link all dispensers in eties began offering customers charges £1, and the Britannia the European Community by access to cash networks in Building Society 1.75 per cent Spain and Portugal via Nexus. with a minimum £2 for trans-Italian and Belgian ma- actions in Spain and Portugal. Nexus will be talking to

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but most choose not to or have European machines. The Royal Bank of Scotland

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E Eagle Star launched two new medical expenses plans this week. The Medistar sixweek plan provides private treatment when the local National Health Service hospital waiting list exceeds six weeks. The Medistar one-day plan provides immediate private treatment. The schemes are open to applicants up to age 74, and offer a no-claims discount that can reduce premiums by 50 per cent after seven years without claims.

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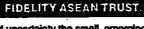
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AS THE world waits to see should emphasise is it may be what President Saddam Hus- too soon to take long-term sain's next move will be, the decisions as to whether one of the managers at unit should have Nestle or Daimler these concernations. They ter opportunities when the inow shares are cheap comparted with two weeks ago, but kets start getting scared. If think they might become they don't, shares may well be cheaper if shooting starts.

While Educh investment managers have not been rush-ing to self secres in one part of growth the world over, it will the world and buy in another, come have been fine-tuning their portfolios in reaction to their perifolios in reaction to for Economic Co-operation bigher cil prices. Others have set tight, choosing to profit how a rise in oil prices might affect countries' economic from trading currencies. But all are waiting to see what happens in the Guli before growth. It suggests oil prices of \$25 a barrel would knock 0.9 deciding whether to make any

Percentage points from the economic growth rate in America, 1.2 points from Europe and 1.5 points from

agernent, said: "What one relatively little to lose from an oil price rise, the American economy has slowed dramat-ically and there are fears that it might now be tipped into recession. Fidelity Investment

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Watching Japan: Foreign & Colonial's Jeremy Tigue

ing Far Eastern economies would get a sharp squeeze and most pessimistic about now, but the economy gets America.

Jeremy Tigue, the co-manager of Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust - the oldest Barry Bateman, the manag-ing director, said: "We are has similarly made only small prices, and prepare the econ-worried about the long term changes to his portfolio. He omy for a period of growth has been buying Japanese blue chip shares as the Tokyo market has fallen. He thinks companies like Matsushita more so following the Middle East crisis." But he stresses that Fidelity feels little has changed. International eco-

department think there is a East conflict become clearer possibility that the squeeze in Japan will be accelerated. You

also has a predilection for Japan, where he is considering buying blue chips. He feels that Eastern Europe, where oil consumption was subsidised by the Russians to the tune of \$15 billion a year, will suffer At present prices, oil would cost these countries \$30 billion more than it did before the end of Russian subsidies. That makes the future of the German economy much more

However, there are Japa-nese and German shares that he feels are cheap. Yasuda, the Japanese insurer, is cheaper relative to the income from insurance premiums than the shares of many Western insurance companies. And Mu-nich Re, the German insurer, has fallen so far that the shares are once more reasonably

But Mr Taube is waiting. In 1987, when the market fell, shares could be bought cheapty right into 1988. While not making any significant equity investments, he is altering his currency exposure. Before the Middle East events he had been switching out of sterling and into the mark, a policy he has since reversed.

The consensus among investment managers is that economies that were most shaky before the Middle East tension have most to lose. But none think another oil shock

is upon us. Bearing in mind the markets hardly reacted to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait until the following Monday, Mr Taube said: "I suppose we should have sold on Thursday morning. But I hate seiling stocks, which we think are good long term value, in order to buy

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By PHILIP BARRON

BUDGET plans have long But if cash-flow is not a been available to help pay for problem, it is worth checking Television Licence Records costs. Office is offering easy terms as

adapted that much more

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leads to a rising stockmarket.

buying in Hong Kong where shares have fallen rapidly. But overall, he is waiting until the

consequences of the Middle

before redistributing his global

asset allocation. Mr Taube

Mr Tigue has similarly been

using the instalment scheme to earn interest on the rest of the licence fee until the final payment is made. Annual

having to write a cheque and the licence will be renewed automatically on the due date each year. "Because you will be paying

later, we have to make a small charge for cash-flow reasons," says the explanatory leaflet. There is nothing wrong with this in principle, and customers who have difficulty in be £73.77. Interest earned at 7 finding £71 in the renewal month may be happy to pay

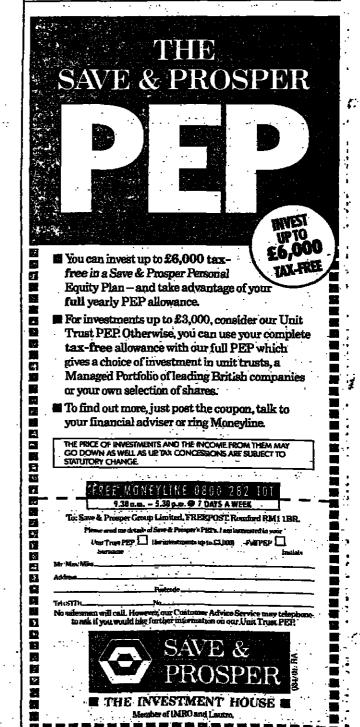
gas, electricity and telephone all such instalment schemes to bills, and now the National see what the credit actually

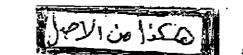
The figure that counts is the vell. annual percentage rate (APR). Viewers have to work out In the case of the television whether they are better off licence, the rate does not have paying the full amount or to be given because the deal is not covered by the Consumer Credit Act of 1974.

The "premium" is, in fact, equivalent to an APR of renewal notices for colour nearly 19 per cent, but viewers licences now suggest that can offset some of that if they rather than part with £71, put the instalments acide viewers might prefer to sign a where they earn interest.

direct debit instruction to Someone using the instal-their bank to pay £17.75 per quarter, plus a "premium" of and put the rest of the £71 into a Halifax Building Society In this way, they avoid instant extra account paying 9 per cent interest. There would be £52 to invest initially, but that would be depleted each quarter as the instalments were paid. Over the course of the year it should have earned

However, the licence and premium total £76, so the net cost of the licence would still per cent on the remaining fee would be only £1.74, making £5 extra for the budget plan. the cost of the licence £74.26.





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Misleading charges

From Mr John Hanford Sir, I refer to your interesting article (August 4) on cheque fees overseas, but regret you may be misleading readers regarding Eurocheques. I thought that there would be no charges. However, I wrote a Eurocheque for FFr3,693 and was charged £17.50 extra by my bank (Coutts). I complained and was told that the charge is "correct" because the cheque was in excess of FFr2,500.

I resent charges of this type, and by any standards they are a rip-off. Unfortunately I have yet to find an inexpensive way of transferring money. Per-haps two Eurocheques, each less than FFr2,500, would have worked.

Yours sincerely, JOHN HANFORD, Kingscliffe, Pinner Hill,

Cashing cheques

From Mr C.A. Vaughan Sir, With reference to E.P. Lloyd's letter (Weekend Money, August 4) "Cost of cashing cheques..." I would respectfully suggest that the answer to Mr Lloyds's disconnections of the control of th lemma concerning charges levied when cashing cheques in the United Kingdom at banks other than his own lies in his own letter.

The opening of an account with the Royal Bank of Scotland, named in the letter, would provide access to a truly unique nationwide network of over 900 branches stretching the length and breadth of the country. Yours faithfully, C.A. VAUGHÁN, 18 Sycamore Road,

From Mr Geoffrey Brazendale Sir, Mr E. P. Lloyd in his letter (August 4) about the cost of cashing cheques, complains that there is no bank which has a network in both Scotland and England.

Chapel-en-le-Frith,

May I, through The Times, nd that he opens an account with the TSB which operates throughout the United Kingdom.

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From Ms Patricia Turner Sir, Further to the recent correspondence in your Weekend Money columns on direct debits, which I avoid whenever possible, your readers might care to know that if they have taken advantage of BupaCare's special tax relief policy, they must check with their branch that they are fully covered if the subscription has not been debited on their

In March, I filled in Bupa's special tax claim form, agree-ing to pay by direct debit, giving me further discount (my profession is recognised by Bupa). At the end of that month I received an account from Bupa stating I had an outstanding balance — twice as much as agreed! At the beginning of April, I rang the helpline stating my bank had not been instructed by Bupa to make this growth which well. make this monthly debit, and this saga continued month by month. Whenever I tele-phoned I was told not to worry as I was covered. Worry I did — my current account might not have sufficient funds for a

Double rental

From Mr Peter Burnside Sir, I write regarding British Telecom. On leasing my house I was advised that I would have to pay the telephone rental for the remaining period of contract. To my amazement, I was also informed that my tenant would also have to paythe rental: In short, BT are taking double cental from one phone. Should there not be gislation to prevent this type of extortion?

Yours faithfully, PETER BURNSIDE, 279 Union Grove, Aberdeen, Grampian.

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Bonus claim

From Mr Harold S. Curry Sir, I received a letter from BAA dated June 15, part of which reminded me of the

share bonus. My wife died some twoand-a-half years ago and the shares, which were originally in her name, were passed or transferred to me under the terms of her will,

On receipt of the letter, I telephoned Barclays Registrars to enquire whether I was entitled to the bonus share. I was informed that on the application form, box 4 was not completed therefore bonus shares were not applicable.

I queried as to the alternative available to the bonus shares and I was advised 'nothing".

I am at a loss to understand the situation, can you please advise on my position. Yours truly, HAROLD S. CURRY, Bloomsbury Court, Moss Lane,

It was agreed the bank

return the direct debit state-ment otherwise I might find I

had agreed to pay £200 every month instead of nearly £40.

you find yourselves in this bewildering plight, remember

you are not covered (or are

you?) until your bank state-

ment shows the debit. Any-

way, that is the latest piece of

information given to me.

PATRICIA TURNER.

Claverly, Shropshire.

From Dr Michael Quinn

Sir, There are dangers in direct debits. The electricity people

recently demanded an im-

mediate payment of nearly

£500 despite a long operating standing order. This was shortly followed by a threat of

have taken the money.

25 Sheeplands Lane,

Sherborne, Dorset.

Yours faithfully, DR MICHAEL QUINN,

Yours faithfully,

Forge Cottage.

Upper Ludstone.

So readers be wary. Should

Original applicants for BAA shares under the offer in July 1987 were entitled to bonus shares on the basis of one bonus share for every ten ordinary shares held continuously to July 31, 1990, (subject to a maximum of 200 bonus shares), provided that certain tests as to eligibility were satisfied. These were intended to restrict the bonus shares to individuals and exclude bodies such as companies, partnerships and trusts. If an individual applying for the original shares considered that he was eligible for the bonus then he was required to enter "yes" in box 4 on the application form. If this box was not completed then the registrars assumed that, for whatever reason, the applicant did not consider himself at the did not consider himself eligible for the share bonus.

legal action. The estimate was not correct but they would As it appears that your late wife did not complete box 4 it would appear that there is now no way in which you can claim the bonus shares.

Cool response to gas bills

on BAA shares From Mr F. Rosenfeld ("Suspicious customers have nothing to fear. . " August 4) had

> Take away the number you first thought of ... don't tellme.

better beware. I wrote to my gas company some years back starting: "I am in receipt of one of your silly bills... This was for an estimated consumption far higher, and several hundred pounds more. than my norm for the quarter.

This could be recovered next quarter (if one's bank account had not been emptied in the interim), but to give an organisation the power to deduct any sum they feel like is surely nothing less than foolbardy.

Yours faithfully, FRANK ROSENFELD, 4 Marston Close, Fairfax Road, NW6.

Postal credit

From Mr A. Lovell Sir, In reply to the letter from Ms H. Corkery (August 4) there is no reason why the opportunity of interest-free credit should be missed. An

agreement can be dealt with through the post. There will be a delay of at least seven days from receiving the goods as the supplier will not (usually) get paid until the cancellation period has

passed. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY LOVELL, Managing Director, Drovers Finance Ltd, PO Box 111. Naphill, High Wycombe,

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The clients face losses of £1.5 million on the guaranteed performance insurance bonds they bought from the Lyme Regis-based firm. It was later suspended by the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), which found the investments were worth only £5 million instead of the £6.5 million the investors expected. Clients who had placed a total of £5 million with the firm were guaranteed growth of 10 per cent a year. Now they are told that Hardwick is not in default. The compensation scheme cannot be called upon.

"A potential claim in respect of investment performance does not of itself constitute compensatable liability," said the letter from the Securities and Investments Board (SIB).

The funds have been taken out

Hard knocks for Hardwick clients

of the control of Hardwick's owner, Terence Elwick. They are being managed by the three life companies with which Mr Elwick had chosen to operate the broker

SIB is now looking at whether the insurance companies can be held responsible for the guarantees or whether Mr Elwick might be liable.

Hardwick's Fimbra membership appears to be worth nothing. Hardwick investors are no better off than they were before the Financial Services Act.

They join a long list of investors who have lost money since the compensation scheme was set up two years ago. Too many received no recompense. Now, as the scheme approaches its second anniversary on August 27, could be the time to invite suggestions from investors on

how it might be improved. Under the scheme, guarantees does interim authorisation. It



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

allows investment firms to also unprotected. Anyone who continue to trade but gives no naively believed that the act had continue to trade but gives no protection to their clients.

Anyone who invests through a tied agent is not covered by the compensation scheme if the agent decides to branch out with some private enterprise. Investors can only hope that the investment group to which the agent was tied to will bail them

This is the pretty much the same situation they would have found themselves in before the Financial Services Act.

The clients of the growing number of firms that appear able count for nothing and neither to operate for months, if not years, without authorisation, are

cleaned up the financial services industry would be wrong.

Stock Group investors who thought they were protected by the compensation scheme found that their cash was frozen in the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank when B&C was taken into administration. This meant that if there was

any shortfall they were covered by the banks' compensation scheme, which pays a maximum of £15,000 rather than the investors' one with an upper limit of £48,000.

Not that all investors feel that £48,000 is enough. Many of the

Dunsdale Securities investors will receive only a tiny percentage of their original investment back because of that

Charged up

Bank's concern that its customers should take a responsible attitude to borrowing might have been more touching if the bank had not decided to announce, almost simultaneously, an increase in its charges for

The new leaflet on borrowing safely emphasises the desirability of contacting the bank before going into the red. It says such customers will pay interest and there may be an additional fee. From September 10, the quarterly charge on overdrafts through the bank's credit zone facility will jump 50 per cent to £12 for current account customers and to

£16 for current plus customers. Those who overdraw during a quarter but manage to keep an average credit balance of £500 in that period are not charged.

The interest rate on arranged overdrafts is 24.5 per cent, while NatWest charges 37.5 per cent interest to people who overdraw without the go-ahead of their bank manager.

Lloyds customers may also be seeking help with their overdrafts. The bank increased the rate on its unauthorised overdrafts yesterday to 37.6 per cent. The bank said it was bringing its rate into line and had increased the rate to persuade customers to talk to them before going into the red. Lloyds charges 25.3 per cent for authorised overdrafts on its classic account, and 26.8 per cent on its current account and Access

credit card. Midland charges 36.1 per cent to unauthorised borrowers on its current account. Barclays is the cheapest of the big four with an effective annual rate of 35.4 per cent for unauthorised overdrafts.

Customers are duly warned of the high cost of being dis-

MOST people put off planning for retirement, unwilling to think about sorting out a pension provision or calculating their tax position. But there is no shortage of advice. not only on financial matters but also on generally coping with the stress of retirement.

Increasingly, employers are offering pre-retirement counselling as an employee benefit, linking up with insurance companies that organise seminars on all aspects of retireplanning, including leisure and welfare benefits as well as financial

The alternative for those whose employers do not organise courses is to attend an 'open" course. Legal & General's seminars for mixed company groups cost £160 for two days, while the Prudential charges £140 for its two-day planning for retirement semi-

Other sessions are offered by salesmen, usually tied to a single life company, calling themselves consultants or financial advisers. But it is important to check on the status of the pre-retirement course organiser and speakers, particularly if the seminar is free. Insurance salesmen have realised that pre-retirement courses can be a lucrative source of business and will mailshot likely customers. Names are often taken from the electoral roll and the salesmen invite people to tax and pension planning seminars, intending to sell as many of their own company's policies as possible. If the seminar will pay for itself through the products they sell. "If someone says, we are in

a local hotel, come and meet us for a glass of wine, they will try and sell you their products," John Cole, the managing director of Berry Birch & Noble, an independent adviser, said. His company provides speakers for seminars organised by Prudential Assurance as an independent

Sun Life and Allied Dunbar both have salesmen who run

the system.

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credit card frauds.

pected to join before long.

57 members, including a num-

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ber of building societies.

Courses help prepare for life after retirement



these courses.

producers find courses are a would be ludicrous to pretend

nars and they freely admit bar spokesman, "We give

and investment. "We don't believe in the hard sell, but if life assurance is the right vehicle we will try to sell them ours," said a Sun Life spokes-man, adding that the courses were clearly identified as Sun Life courses.

Courses run by tied salesmen will not necessarily include a hard sell session. But people should check whether a alesman is tied or independent. Tied agents or appointed representatives, as they prefer to be called, are only allowed to sell the investment products of one company and cannot comment on those of other companies. An independent adviser can provide information on any invest-ments available in the market and is not restricted. Because of this, an independent should be less likely to pressurise the unwary into taking out an unsuitable policy.

Independent intermediaries, however, do concede the value of publicity for their own services if they speak at eminars. "The course is our shop window. We would like to be considered independent and we would aim to gain clients from courses," Mr Noble, of Berry Birch &

Associations for those approaching retirement and pensioners believe pre-retirement courses can be useful so long as the credentials of the speakers can be checked. They stress that such courses should be taken when there is still time to plan investments and add to pensions.

"Pre-retirement planning need the skill to maximise their standard of living within the limits of a fixed income." said Bernard Ring, general secretary of the Pre-Retirement Association.

Michael King, information manager for Help the Aged said: "Retirement is a life change and people will feel apprehensive. Pre-retirement seminars are a good idea but we are against a hard sell of any kind. It is important to get

SARA MCCONNELL

Queensway trouble adds weight to OFT warning



In receivership: one of Lowndes Queensway's stores that together may hold about £14 million of customers' deposits

the current level of deposits employees. In this position,

exceeds the £15 million limit they are unlikely to receive

receiving any money. The unsecured creditors, of which

on the insurance policy, cus- anything.

proportion of their money

But those who are entitled

to a refund under the scheme

may suffer a delay before

insurance policy would be

triggered by the official liqui-

dation of Lowndes, which

Most retailers, through

organisations such as the Nat-

ional Association of Furniture

Retailers, rejected the pro-

would be prohibitive.

may not happen for months.

By BARBARA ELLIS

THE arrival of the receiver at Lowndes Queensway, the furniture retailer, this week, may give the Office of Fair Trading some timely leverage in its four-year battle to persuade some form of protection for pre-delivery payments.

Time runs out this month on its ultimatum that action must be taken.

Lowndes Queensway had carried customer protection insurance since 1986, when it appears to have been the only major retailer to react to the OFT's first recommendation that retailers should set up pre-payment protection schemes to safeguard their customers' interests.

Its current insurance policy was taken out to cover customer deposits as a condition of a £70 million rescue package agreed by the company's bankers in January.

The policy, which cost more than £1.5 million and was placed in the Lloyd's market by Sedgwick, the insurance broker, lasts for 12 months and has a ceiling of £15

Lowndes's report and accounts for the year to end-January show that customers had placed £23.8 million on deposit with the company. But

current deposits are expected to be about £10 million less than this, as January is a peak time for sales and Lowndes has since closed 253 stores. The receiver is still studying the Lowndes insurance policy and as yet is not in a position

to guarantee refunds to all

Depressing Picture, the OFT again identified the lack of any pre-payment protection schemes as one of the industry's main problems. As the OFT noted, advance payments can be lost if a

trader goes out of business

before delivering. If the busi-

ness becomes insolvent, cus-

unsecured creditor status,

posal of deposit insurance as protection for customers payimpractical, claiming the cost ing by credit card, or via a finance house agreement spe-Back on the attack in Febcifically linked to a furniture ruary this year in a report on shop. Section 75 of the Confurniture and carpets Still a sumer Credit Act makes lenders and retailers equally liable if there is any breach of contract or misrepresentation in cases where the cash price

creditors.

discount furniture stores,

which went into liquidation

owing nearly £1 million to

about £500,000 was owed to

8,000 customers who had paid

in advance. But the assets of

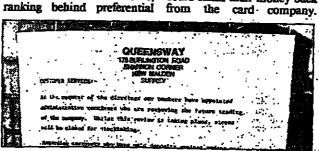
more than £250,000, all of

which went to preferential

There is already some

of the goods is more than £100 and less than £30,000, with not more than £15,000 paid for on credit.

Non-delivery of furniture. could amount to breach of tomers are relegated to contract and cardholders could claim their money back



deliver any orders if it proves creditors such as the Inland People who had paid a cash financially viable to do so. If Revenue, local authorities and deposit as part of an agreement with a finance bouse would have a claim against the finance house.

BE:

tomers would receive only a The last large scale example Recognising the partie was the 1986 collapse of Price protection given by the Con-Slasher, the 20-store chain of sumer Credit Act, the OFT in February turned its recommendations into a six-month ultimatum, warning, "If the industry cannot or will not improve the situation of its own volition, the office will have no option but to consider the company came to little whether legislation is approoriate.'

> Trade claims that the cost of a protection scheme would be prohibitive were dismissed as a defence of the status quo.

The trade bodies appear to have responded to the threat of legislation in the traditional manner, by forming a working party to draw up a voluntary code of practice. They also commissioned a report from Coopers & Lybrand Deloine, the accountants, which is currently being finalised.

"Pre-payment protection is not straightforward. It's not as simple as it sounds," said Alan Share, of the British Furniture Manufacturers' Association, a member of the working party.

A number of outions had to be considered, including giving more publicity to the protection afforded by credit cards. The trade bodies were also exploring the possibility of persuading household insurers to include cover for lost deposits up to a value of £2.000, he said.

The working party hoped to deliver its report to the OFT next month, but would not comment on its conclusions.

High street banks in talks to join fraud detection scheme for credit applications

which is already saving the dividual. People deposit large amounts credit industry £15 million a • Giving false details with a of money with credit comyear and trapping 600 fraudulent applications a month, will and then deliberately defraudbecome even more effective ing the lender. once the high street banks Barclaycard does not rely follow the lead set by

solely on the Credit Industry Barclaycard and the Co-op-Fraud Avoidance System to erative Bank in subscribing to uncover fraud. As a matter of course the company now tele-Under the Credit Industry phones all credit applicants Fraud Avoidance System who have passed the initial (Cifas), any company that vetting procedure to verify detects a fraud immediately their identity. The card cominforms the credit reference pany writes to those who agencies by computer. Then, cannot be reached by telewhen another credit company John Eaton, director of the is checking an applicant's creditworthiness, it will be

card service at Barclays, exalerted to make more detailed plained some of the problems: enquiries and to seek more Fraudulent card applicainformation from the first tions, particularly those which impersonate another individ-Since Barclaycard joined ual using a true name and the Credit industry Fraud address are often difficult to Avoidance System three weed out."

months ago, the company has But much of the fraud is spotted 30 fraudulent applicaperpetrated by criminal rings who send in multiple applications a week and expects to save £3 million a year from tions in false names and addresses. Criminals run up The Co-operative Bank vast debts in a very short joined the scheme seven space of time with these cards. Anthony Sharp, deputy director of the Consumer weeks ago and has already prevented six large organised Credit Trade Association that launched the Credit Industry Negotiations are now well

advanced with the other high Fraud Avoidance System, said: "The greatest type of street banks, which are exrecorded fraud we have is To date, the Credit Industry impersonation of a genuine Fraud Avoidance System has person. "One or two companies have helped the police arrest

The Credit Industry Fraud people through Cifas. A motor Avoidance System can detect finance company in Surrey recently detected a hit, saved themselves £3,000, recovered • Using a false name with a the car and apprehended the

genuine address, known as the fraudster." 'empty house fraud". There is one type of fraud

A SCHEME to prevent fraud, • Impersonating another in- that has increased recently, be covered by the scheme by People deposit large amounts the end of the year. There are two main types of genuine name and address panies, usually by building mortgage traud. One is society cheques, and then application fraud, which is spend the money in the ac-

> had time to clear. Mr Sharp added: "Through Cifas we have managed to save a lot of money on that by passing on information. At present the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance Sys-

tem tracks unsecured loan

applications, but Mr Sharp

hopes that mortgage fraud will

probably the main fraud in count before the cheque has terms of numbers. But the most potentially

dangerous is the professional fraud involving a dishonest solicitor, valuer and estate agent. Once mortgage fraud is included in the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance System's records, the addresses of such professionals may be

customers. It has said it will Society gives investors chance of a cheap dea

shares during the disastrous government sale that straddled Black Monday and the stock market crash in 1987 are being given a chance to deal cheaply now that the shares are

in profit (Lindsay Cook writes). The Norwich & Peterborough building society has responded to the surge in the BP share price by offering an execution-only dealing service in BP from Monday, with a minimum commission of £20.

The service is available 21 the society's 64 branches from London to Humberside. Those wishing to sell must take their share certificates to a Norwich branch or can telephone Waters Lunniss, its stockbroker subsidiary, on 0603 630063.

The commission works out at ! per cent on the first £9.000 and 0.2 per cent thereafter. This compares with the standard rate of 1.5 per cent on the first £7,000, I per cent on the next £8,000 and 0.6 per cent above £15,000. Norwich investors with cash counter gold cheque accounts will be charged I per cent on the first

£7,000 and 0.2 per cent thereafter. belief that the Gulf crisis will make The account can be opened with a minimum deposit of £10.

Those with Norwich accounts will be paid directly into the accounts and non-members will be sent a cheque in settlement. The society, which is the only one to own a stockbroker, is making the offer until September 28.

When the government sold part of its remaining holding in BP in 1987, the price of £3.30 was announced just before the stock market crash, By the time dealing started, investors faced a loss and the shares hit a low of 249p last year. This week they have topped 380p.

Philip Dearing, general manager operations, said: "We are acting quickly to meet demand from investors buying and selling BP stock. There are many thousands of investors with small parcels of BP shares, bought at 330p each at the time of the stock market crash. Many of those shareholders will now want to sell, but equally there are those that will want to buy in the

the price of shares in oil companies rise even higher.' Norwich has offered special deals

in all the recent privatisations. It carried out 7,500 transactions, valued at about £10 million, after the flotation of the water companies last year. The most popular deal was the £8 transaction for up to four shareholdings from one family in the same water company. Plans are already far advanced for a similar deal when the electricity companies are floated in November.

National Westminster Bank is currently offering cheap dealing for British Gas shareholders. Its touch screen service, which is normally only available to NatWest customers, is available to any British Gas shareholders. The bank also opens the service up to all comers following privatisations and major flotations.

Gas shareholders are being offered instant dealing for a minimum of £17 through the 270 branches. The usual minimum fee for touchscreen transactions is £25. Non-customers must take two items of identification with evidence of their signature and address as well as the share certificate. Cheques are sent on the stock exchange settlement date.

NatWest stockbrokers are also offering a postal dealing service in gas shares with a minimum commission of £11. The commission rate on both schemes is I per cent. The bank introduced the service

because it was aware that, once the special deals offered at the time of flotations are withdrawn, many small investors do not know how to sell these shares. It is likely to extend the special deal to other privatisation stocks and possibly to popular shares such as Marks and Spencerand J Sainsbury in the future.

week that it is providing a low-cost dealing service for its 60,000 private shareholders. The company has linked up with Hoare Goven Corporate Finance to offer a basic commission rate of 1 per cent, with

no minimum charge. This particularly favours those with tiny shareholdings who normally find it difficult to deal economically.

The company hopes that new shareholders will be encouraged on to the register by the initiative. Royal launched a share dividend scheme in 1988 that allows investors to receive dividends in the form of additional shares. Royal introduced a personal equity plan (Pep) for its individual shareholders last year.

This also gives the option of unit trust investment so that they can take advantage of their full annual Pep allowance. The scheme allows lump sum investments of between £1,800 and £6,000 to be made. Investments in Peps are free of capital gains tax and income tax.

lan Rushton, group chief execc Royal insurance announced this unive of Royal Insurance, said: "Shareholders with small private shareholdings are very important to us, and we are keen to play our part in demystifying the process of dealing in shares and reducing overall costs for them."

"Our more experienced top is an Allied Duphar course." helpful way to meet clients. It we are doing this as a social retirement, but its salesmen pre-retirement planning semi- service," said an Allied Dun- offer courses on tax planning

they have realised the finan- mostly generic advice and try cial advantage of running not to make it too product

specific. It is made clear that it Sun Life has only one consultant running courses specifically geared to pre-

unbiased financial advice."

Fearless fighter who seized the jewel in Ratners' crown

Y craid Ratner has no fear, or so he says. The chairman of Ratners -BUSINESS---Group, the world's biggest jewellery chain, was returning from a business trip to Miami, Florida, when an engine of the

plane caught fire. As smoke

dropped from the cabin roof.

the other travellers did not

touch him. The more afraid

they became the more con-

The plane landed finally in

the Bahamas. "I felt elated to

be alive," recounts Ratner.

Well, not elated, but quite

But Gerald Ratner is, by his

own admission, economical

with the truth. On one level,

he is disarmingly honest, too

honest for his own good say

some friends. But he concedes

to telling small lies because

people do not always want the

"There are certain benefits

in telling people what they want to hear. You don't get

points for telling the truth all

But it is possible that when

he says he has no fear, he is

being honest. His friend

tor of Colefax and Fowler.

says: "I can understand him

saying that. He probably is

fearless. He can be reckless.

I'm not sure I'd like to go on a

long drive with Gerald, es-

pecially not near a cliff edge."

the same way. "Moira, my

wife, gets really upset about it.

She says its ridiculous. She

says I'm not responsible, not

sensible about anything I do,"

Moira, his second wife, who

worked for the company until

their daughter, Sarah, was

born 18 months ago, says his

worst fault is his irresponsibil-

ity. "He doesn't get frightened.

I worry about leaving him

with the baby for any great

Ratner's other great charac-

teristic is ambilion. Some say

it would make Alexander the

Great fisel like an under-

achiever. It has driven him in

his business life and turned

Ratners from a £350,000 loss-

making concern in 1984 into a

business generating £121 mil-

lion in profits in the year to

He has never hesitated in

arise and is more likely to re-

gret things he has not done

rather than things he has done.

He regretted not buying Gor-

don's, the American jewellery

chain, when it was available in

1988, and later suffered watch-

ing his American rival, Zales,

current £234 million purchase

of Kay Jewelers, America's

Ratners was started by his

father, Leslie, in 1949, the year

Gerald was born, the second

youngest of four children and

the only son. His father had

returned from army service in

Rachelle, and enough money

mond, Surrey. Gerald joined

swallow it up. He feels he is

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says Ramer.

length of time."

February 1990.

Others close to Ratner feel

the time," he says.

Gerald Ratner

billowed around the fuselage, passengers were ordered to lie gate-crashing parties. "Best on the floor and oxygen masks time of my life," says Ratner. But he was keen to join the But Ratner claims the panic of family business, which had grown to about 35 shops. Leslie Ratner had by this time gone into partnership with his two brothers and his father, a watchmaker by trade, but it was not a particularly happy family, something Gerald was able to exploit years later when he made his bid for

control of the business. After a successful spell with the manufacturing arm of the business, Ratner went to work in head office, as joint managing director, with his father. It was not a successful partnership. Ratner felt restricted in what he could do. He had no power and there were rows. The business was doing badly, profits halved in 1982 and Gerald was not happy.

When his father went to America with his mother, who was unwell, Ratner seized his opportunity. He changed the direction of the business, and

took it down-market. The first

of the now familiar posters

proclaimed that all watches

were reduced. It worked and

Ratner enacted his takeover

plan. He told his father that

the other directors wanted

him to run the business and he

told the other directors that it

was his father's decision.

Because of various internal

"It was the most difficult

In April 1984, aged 35, he

was sole managing director.

He lost no time in embarking

on an aggressive acquisition-

driven strategy that has given

him 2,000 shops, 900 of them in America. The group now

includes H Samuel, once his

arch-rival, Zales, and Watches

of Switzerland in Britain and

Ratners may be one of the

retail sector over the past six

years: even accounting for the

frequent rights issues they

have increased in value eight

times. But the group is no

fear that both thrill and

frighten them. So far his

small children embarking on a

rollercoaster ride, experience

does not make them feel any

It does not help that Ratner

tells his shareholders what he

most recent, and one of the

with the departure of Andrew.

more secure.

daring has paid off, but like

atner's relationship

with his institutional

shareholders is uneasy.

Sterling in America.

stock market darling.

rectifying that loss with his It is his audacity and lack of

India with a young wife, feels they want to hear. The

to open the first shop in Rich- most glaring examples, came

the business straight from Coppel, his finance director,

feuds, he got away with it.

takeover I've ever done."

When his parents returned,

sales picked up.

the group intended to make going to steal it. The City is fewer acquisitions, Coppel's dominated by the general speciality, and would con- economic situation. In a bull centrate on consolidation, market anything goes and in a O'Brien's speciality. Three bear market nothing Dixons months later the bid for Kay was the right deal for Ratners was launched. "You've got to at the wrong time." tell them something," he But some City observers laughs. He has not seen

Coppel since. . Ratner is not a man for committees. He is a doer rather than a talker, although he is also a showman and can give an entertaining performance if asked to address a meeting. It it by being impulsive. He is a is difficult to imagine the very impatient person."

charity or travelling.

daughter did that."

The board is considering

introducing compulsory re-tirement at 55. This still gives

Ratner 14 years. He says he is

driven by the fact that he hates

"I take it personally. If I

make the right decisions I'll do

better than my competitors.

And I don't regard the other

iewellers as competitors,

"I regard the other retailers

competitors. Whether we

beat the City's profit forecasts

or not, doesn't make much

difference to my finances, but

it does make a lot of difference

to my ego and my pride. There

can envisage a time when

"I could easily say I'll never

idy 10f it yet. We'te taking

on the monstrosity of 500 Kay

two years to sort out.

his non-jewellery business.

ellerv is not.

it is, in one word. Ego.'

because they're not.

'I hope someone does to me

what I did to my father. I'd

love it if my daughter did that'

to lose.

group without him. Shareholders certainly cannot complain about his lack of dedication. Those who know him well say he is extremely hard-working. But Ratner en-joys himself outside of business and says he would like to very amusing. think that at some stage he Ratner claims his success could turn his attention to

something else, like politics, "I'd like to retire quite young. There will be a time in this business when the qualthink it's very nice." ities that I have won't be the right ones. I hope that some-

His one indulgence is collecting paintings. He can-not relate to modern art, preferring instead the late 19th

ut Ratner knows what he likes. Moria says she buys very little for him because his tastes are precise. His dark, understated suits come from Savile Row, his Cartier watch is 22 years old and he wears no wedding ring.

He does not like clutter and

He is clearly an aesthete. His sumptuous Mayfair offices, filled with antique silver and chamois sofas, reflect his tastes. A large austere portrait of one of Napoleon's generals dominates the wall above his

worth and says he cannot remember when he made his first million. He drives a Mercedes sports car and has a chauffeur-driven Bentley for visiting his shops

Ratners shares are worth £1.79 million. He has options worth more than £3 million. In addition to a house by

He says he is much more proud of his family than any daredevii nature, means he is

But he is a worrier. Moira says he is normally kind and easy-going, but can switch off

years and he would want to worried about something.
have sorted out Salisbury's, "I stay awake at night
his non-jewellery business. worrying," says Ratner. "There is always something. Ratner was sorely disworried we weren't going to do appointed by the reaction to his mooted bid for Dixons, the the Kay deal. Then we did the deal and I worried about that. electrical group, at the time Kingfisher made its bid this Then I worried about the Kay junk bonds. I worry about r. Shareholders were horrified and the share price of business if we have a bad day. I worry about Salisbury's the whole bloody time. God

disagree. They believe Rainers' talks with Dixon stem from another strong Ratner characteristic, impulsiveness, One analyst says: "He is extremely calculating, works everything out and then blows

For someone who admits to being ruthless, aggressive, impatient and ambitious, Ratner is surprisingly likeable. He has none of the pomposity or snobbery that many men in his position possess, and he is

and wealth have done little to change him. "I know some people who have done well and made a few bob and have started to change, and I don't

one does to me what I did to my father. I'd love it if my

even persuades travelling companions to carry extra shirts for him in their luggage so that he can travel light.

enormons desk.

He refuses to reveal his net

Ratner runs his business in the only way he knows how: £664,303, including a he expands by gobbling up the £200,000 bonus, and his competition. He cannot envisage a time when Ratners is not a big enough challenge, but he

the Thames near Maidenhead Berkshire, he has an elegan diversify. The shareholders Mayfair townhouse that he don't want me to. But we do shares with Moira and Sarah. want to diversify at some His two older daughters from point, although we're not his 14-year first marriage to Angela Trup — Suzy and List aged 16 and 13 - visit several times a week.

stores that are in the most appalling mess. That will take "After five years we will business achievement and it is look at diversification, but easy to imagine him getting on that could involve staying in well with children. The rebeljewellery and going into Europe, or possibly a different lious, mischievous side of his personality, coupled with his If someone were to make a a favourite father with his break-up bid for Sears in five daughters' friends.

years Ratner might be interested in British Shoe Corporation. But he insists he would not diversify for five for days at a time when his have sorted out Salisbury's,



Aggressive strategy: Gerald Ratner with a portrait of one of Napoleon's generals that adorns his office

grammar school, in Hendon, and the appointment of Gary where he had failed to shine. O'Brien. Ratner announced Ramers suffered. At 17 he had a penchant for football, was hooked on gambling, going out with girls and cable, had come about because Dixons was a tremendous opportunity for someone," he knows what it is going to be says, "and Kingfisher was like when things go wrong." Baseball cards outrun the money men

BASEBALL has long been sold to commercialism, but even this knowledge hardly excused the sight of young boys lining up in Atlantic City to buy Joe Di Maggio's autograph for \$50. The fact that the man who organised the event, Peter Rose, another albeit fallen baseball legend, is now doing time for tax evasion, did little for the sadness in this old autograph hunter's heart.

But this is America, free enterprise and all that, and famous autographs go for big money. It is part of the booming trade in sports' memorabilia. They have even turned baseball cards into a billion dollar enterprise that through clever trading can now reap 40 per cent returns quicker than any hot tip your stockbroker may care to impart over evening

Fifty thousand Americans packed into Arlington, Texas, last month for the simple purpose of seeing just which baseball card bargain they could find.

The National Baseball Card Convention was one of hundreds held around America in an industry that now boasts its own trade magazines, such as Sports Collectors Digest, and a string of baseball

All this for a set of cards that you can buy for 50 cents together with two pieces of chewing gum at the local grocery store.

Like any big money game there is the usual host of dirty tricks, counterfeits, armed robberies, stolen cards and even death. Police are still searching for the person who apparently killed Frank Gove, a West Coast dealer, who was found slumped over his card collection this year, bludgeoned to death with a blunt object and with \$100,000 worth of

The American economy is sinking into a recession and the best New York properties are now selling at 20 per cent

From John Durie in New York



Joe Di Maggio: \$50 autograph

below last year's levels, but if you were lucky enough to buy Kevin Maas two months ago for five cents apiece, you could sell them today for \$5. Maas is the good-looking rookie first baseman who has walked into the struggling New York Yankees baseball team, built a cheef squad of thousands of screaming 15year-old girls and hit ten home runs in a

matter of weeks. The cards must be in mint condition. be a first issue, and the player must be producing the goods on the field or be a former popular star. Last year a record was set when a 1910 Honus Wagner was sold for \$100,000. Wagner did not like smoking and in his day the cards were giveaways in cigarette packs. He demanded the withdrawal of his cards and, unknowingly, created a limited edition

set of Honus Wagner cards.

Topps, the market leader in new cards, lifted its profits by a third this year. It reported a \$37 million profit on sales of \$246 million, the bulk of which came from bubblegum packs of baseball cards. The decade of greed, the Eighties, saw the real birth of the secondary market and any philosophical delving for the real reasons behind its creation can be put aside. It is simply a case of money begetting more money and a paper

return for top quality baseball cards showed returns of 25 per cent, against US government bond issues that managed just a 14 per cent return and shares that returned 12.7 per cent.

empire that shows no imminent signs of

Initial outlay is sometimes no more than 10 cents. The risk is that the player will not perform on the field, but at this level, while asset quality may be questionable, borrowing costs are usually not an issue.

In the big league the stakes are a little higher, with Mickey Mantle cards trading up from \$1,500 in 1983 to \$6,000 in 1987 and \$10,000 this year.

The hitch is to find a buyer. But there are more than 3,000 dealers in America and if you have the right product this should not be a problem.

Little wonder that with stockbroker bonuses well down, many are spending weekends delving back into their childhood collections with the hope of finding just the card to produce an instant

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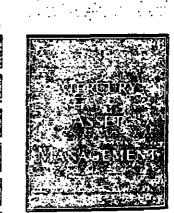
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SUMMARY

Lowndes helpline is set up

A TELEPHONE helpline has been set up to assist the thousands of people who, having paid deposits to Lowndes Queensway for car-pets and flurniture, are anxlously waiting to find out if they will recover their money. The helpline can be contacted on 0689 895200, 0689 895140 and 0689 895208 during office

The group took out an insurance policy to cover customer deposits in January, but it may not be enough when administration costs have been taken into account. Other furniture buyers have less cover despite pressure from the Office of Fair Trading Page 42

Fearless fighter



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Gerald Ratner admits to being nuthless, aggressive, impatient and ambitious, but he also told Gillian Bowditch that he worries constantly. Now, he has the £234 million Kay Jewelers chain to keep him fretful Page 43

Lost homes

A record number of people had their homes possessed in the first six months of the year. Half did not wait for a court order before handing over the keys. A small but growing number are trying to offload property losses on to lenders when they can still afford payments Page 38

Watchful eye

Burglars are having an easy time in some parts of the country. Crime statistics pub-lished this week for London showed that in more than a quarter of reported burglaries the intruder entered through an unlocked window or door. Such carelessness is pushing up the cost of home insurance. But homeowners who are members of neighbourhood watch schemes can win reduc-

Your views



A telephone line that is being charged for twice, lost bonus shares, more problems with direct debits and solutions for Scots wanting to cash cheques south of the border are dealt with by readers Page 41

Gulf watchers

It is a nervous time for fund managers who are watching developments in the Gulf while deciding where to put their money Page 40

Oil share deal

As the BP share price has soared above its 1987 offer price, some investors may be thinking about selling. A special dealing service is launched on Monday by the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society to help those who bought the oil company's shares through the govern-..... Page 42 ment flotation....

Secure credit

Banks are making more checks on credit card applications to make sure that multiple applications are not going out to several companies from the same address. Barclaycard is spotting 30 fraudulent applications a week since it joined the Credit Industry Fraud Avoidance . Page 42

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Sellers put faith in part-exchange to help beat sluggish property market

Builders offer trade-in deals on old homes

PART-EXCHANGE has long helped motor dealers to sell expensive new models, and now the method is being widely adopted by builders to entice buyers for their houses.

It means that builders currently have thousands of second-hand properties on their books that they may be prepared to sell at bargain

prices.

The builders who will take in existing properties usually insist home buyers purchase a more expensive house than they already own. In return the schemes promise speed of completion and savings on stamp duty, estate agency and legal fees.

Customers have to cut their selling price substantially and may be charged a fee as well. They may also be expected to use a specified lender or broker to arrange the mortgage. And builders usually stipulate that the properties they take in are within a certain distance, commonly 15 to 30 miles, of the new house.

"Obviously, you can't do this with properties at the bottom of the scale," said Grace Charlton-Brown, of Alfred McAlpine Homes. The company normally sets a guideline that the value of a prospective buyer's existing house should be no more than 60 per cent of the new property's value.

Alfred McAlpine has recently been selling about 80 per cent of its bouses priced at £200,000 and above on a part-exchange basis. It obtains two independent valuations of the property it is to buy and bases its offer on these.

"If the agents say it is worth £110,000, the owner could market it at that and expect an offer of £105,000." said Mrs Charlton-Brown. McAlpine would offer the

"We would remarket it at £102,000 or £103,000, but we could finish by coming down to below £100,000." she said, pointing out that any loss on the sale would be offset by the company's profit on the new house. Where a property is taken in part-exchange, builders usually expect them to pay the full price for the new one.

"They can't have it both ways," said Mrs Charlton-Brown, but noted that in some cases McAlpine had given reductions on the price of the new house.

Barratt Developments sold between 2,000 and 3,000 properties in part-exchanges last year. Each case is taken on its merits, but a spokesman gave a sample of the

"We frequently make a deduction of about 8 per cent to cover our costs, but it can be demonstrated that this does not leave an individual any worse off than with a conventional sale," he said. Someone selling a house valued

at £56,000 and moving to a Barratt house priced at £80,000 would have proceeds of £51,520 after the 8 per cent deduction, but would be saving about £150 in legal fees, bringing the equivalent value to £51,670, he said. As the move would be structured as an exchange and the difference between the two house prices would be less than £30,000. there would be savings of £800 on stamp duty and £1,288 on estate agent's fees, including VAT.

Also, a property valued at £56,000 would probably be reduced to £55,000 for a quick sale in the open market. He put the cost of a conventional sale, therefore, at £4,088, or 7.3 per cent, against Barratt's top charge of 8 per cent.

Westbury Homes, based in Cardiff, is currently part-exchanging about 66 of its houses a year. The company will make offers based on between 90 per cent to 95 per cent of the average of two valuations. Although the firm preferred people to be moving up in house value by about 20 per cent, it would consider a narrower

Wimpey Homes is selling more than 300 houses a year through part-exchange, according to Eddy Marsh, the group's part-exchange controller.

Wimpey has no set rule on what percentage of a valuation it will offer on a buyer's existing house. This could vary from 100 per cent on some sites to 92 per cent on others. On average, the company was reselling the properties it took in part-exchange within two to

Galliford Sears, of Banstead, Surrey, has a target of 200 part-exchange sales for this year, compared with 135 last year. On most of its sites, it specifies that the value of a customer's existing house must be 75 per cent or less than the value of the new house, but slow-moving retirement flats are an exception. It will take in properties worth 25 per cent more than the flat being sold.

It also obtains two valuations of the customer's existing property. The agents tell us what sort of price they think they would need to get a sale within four weeks," Mark Byatt, of Galliford Sears, said. "It's different from an open market price, because we are taking in a property on the basis of having to get rid of it."

The firm has no fixed percentage fee, but makes individual offers based on its costs. Buyers put down a £350 deposit when applying for the exchange, but their cheques are not banked and are returned if the deal falls

"About 30 per cent of people don't accept our offers and it doesn't cost them anything," said Mr Byatt

● BRIAN Dawson, a carpet cleaning contractor, had almost given up the idea of moving because of the state of the housing market when they saw a Galliford Sears development in Tadworth, Surrey, and heard about the partexchange scheme.

Two agents valued Mr Dawson's house: one at £200,000, the other at £180,000. Galliford Sears made an offer of £162.500:

"I gasped a bit and they gave me £12,500 off the new house," said



£262,500 price of the house down value the property at way below market for some time. to the £250,000 valuation of the what it was worth." new house given by his own agent.

"This is the seventh move in be the easiest," he said. MARGARET Elton, a business service manager for a cosmetics

company, wanted a quick way of moving from Reading, Berkshire, to Bournemouth, Dorset, in March after a change of job. She and her husband put their house on the market but attracted

no response. By mid-April they decided on part-exchange. She checked on 20 builders within her target area.

"I was very sceptical to be

Fees paid: Jackie Sherriff (right) and Christine Baker exchanged contracts within three weeks Mr Dawson. This brought the honest. I expected builders to offer houses that have been on the

> However, the valuer employed by Galliford Sears gave a valua-Don that was identical to that of the Eltous' original agent, and the price eventually offered was not much lower. They also gained in buying, as Galliford Sears accepted an offer 3 per cent less than

the stated price of the new house. The Eltons finally moved in the third week of June. Their initial contact with the company had been two months earlier. Although she thought part-exchange was the best way of moving for someone wanting a new house, Mrs Elton

cautioned that builders tend to

The Eltons also obtained a mortgage at 9.9 per cent, fixed for two years, arranged by the builder via the Woolwich. Three w free mortgage protection insurance was included.

• KEN Brearton, aged 34, who works for Bupa, moved from a terraced cottage in Withington. Manchester, to a three-bedroomed semi-detached Barratt house in Warrington, Cheshire. In this part-exchange he sold for £42,500 and bought for £72,500.

"The Barratt deal was that if they sold my house within four weeks they wouldn't charge any commission. If they didn't the

he said. The house sold within

four days.
Mr Brearton was also given a two-year mortgage subsidy from Barratt, bringing his rate down to 7.5 per cent on the first £40,000, a saving of about £160 a month.

MARTIN Jenkins, aged 27, sales manager for a pharmace cal company, is on the point of exchanging one Westbury-built house for another. Going from a three-bedroomed semi-detached house to a four-bedroomed detached house in the Cardiff area, he is trading up by about £39,000.

"Westbury gave us a very good deal: we had something like 94 per cent of the selling price valua-tion," said Mr Jenkins, stressing the difference between the market price, which did not necessarily mply a sale, and the selling price which did

Westbury also offered him £2,000 to £3,000 to pay for a shower, which was not included in the house he chose.

"It was completely out of the blue. I'm sure they don't do it for everyone," he said.

MAURICE and Dora Mullin made a part-exchange by moving from a three-bedroomed bungalow to a lower value twopedroomed Barratt retirement flat

"We thought it was normal, but don't think any of the others here nave traded down," said Mr Mullins, a retired senior planning

The Mullins's bungalow "much too big for the wife and the chihuahua", had been on the market for six months at £130,000 when Mr Mullins approached Barratt about a part-exchang They agreed a price of £115,000 for the bungslow against £100,000 for the flat, and Mr Mullins paid Barratt a fee of £5,000.

The bungalow sold quickly. We moved in on December 20 and the chap who had taken our bungalow moved in just after Christmas," he said.

 JACKIE Sherriff and Christine Baker moved to Newport, Gwent, to a property that cost £46,000 more than the one they sold.

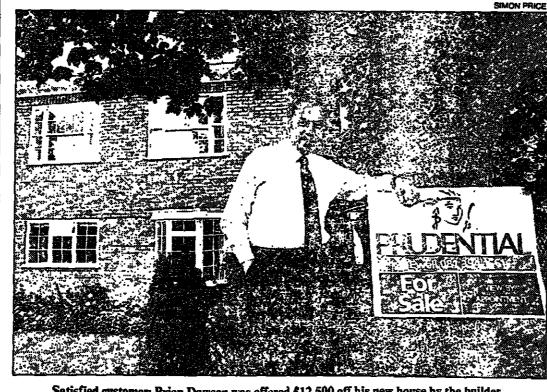
Their previous house was valned at £78,000 and Westbury offered them £72,000. The builder also paid their solicitors' fees and stamp duty, as the new property was priced over £30,000 more than the exchanged one.

"You actually lose a bit of money," said Ms Sherriff, "but we house. We wouldn't have moved otherwise." They exchanged contracts within three weeks and their previous house sold in six.

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 ONE part-exchanger, who dealt with Alfred McAlpine, was allowed the option to keep her property on the market until the completion of the part-exchange. She was asking £10,000 more than the builder's offer. Of the five people who viewed one was interested but could not afford the property. They eventually bought it from McAlpine for the lower price.



Satisfied customer: Brian Dawson was offered £12,500 off his new house by the builder

Breaking the house chain

THERE is almost no market at present for services offering to break the chain of buyers and majority of property transactions.

Estate agents are rejuctant to step in as buyers while prices are falling, and sellers are unwilling to lose more than is absolutely necessary.

A spokesman for Prudential Property Services' chainbreaking service said that the scheme had not been used much lately. "It is not a particularly attractive offer," she said, pointing out

that the cost would be well over 10

per cent of the selling price of the property. This is because to break the chain. Prudential would pay its own estimate of the resale price on the property, less its likely costs,

which would run to interest on the purchase price until the resale, the group's legal costs and supervision sellers that links up around the and insurance costs on the empty property plus agency expenses on reselling.

"Although some transactions may involve losses and others gains, the scheme is designed to do no more than break even," the Prudential's leaflet says.

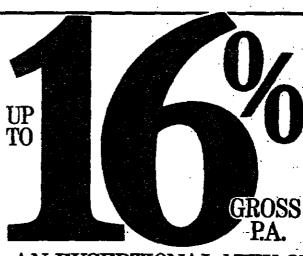
Another proviso is that the Prudential will only offer chainbreaking where a chain actually exists, and if the property has been sold subject to contract through an exclusive agency arrangement with the group, "We will not offer to purchase a property which has failed to attract a serious offer."

the group says. Sellers have to pay their own legal fees. The Prudential insists

that the seller hires a qualified valuer for advice on the sale - and pays his fee. But the group says it will refund two thirds of a standard scale fee. However, there is no way of escaping the disbursements if these are provided for in the seller's original agreement with the Prudential's estate

The Prudential only agrees to buy after completing legal enquiries and if it is certain that at least one other sale will result through its estate agency. As a final irritation, the Prudential requires viewing access to the property even after it has signed to

Black Horse agencies, a former competitor of the Prudential in chainbreaking, pulled out of the service 18 months ago.



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